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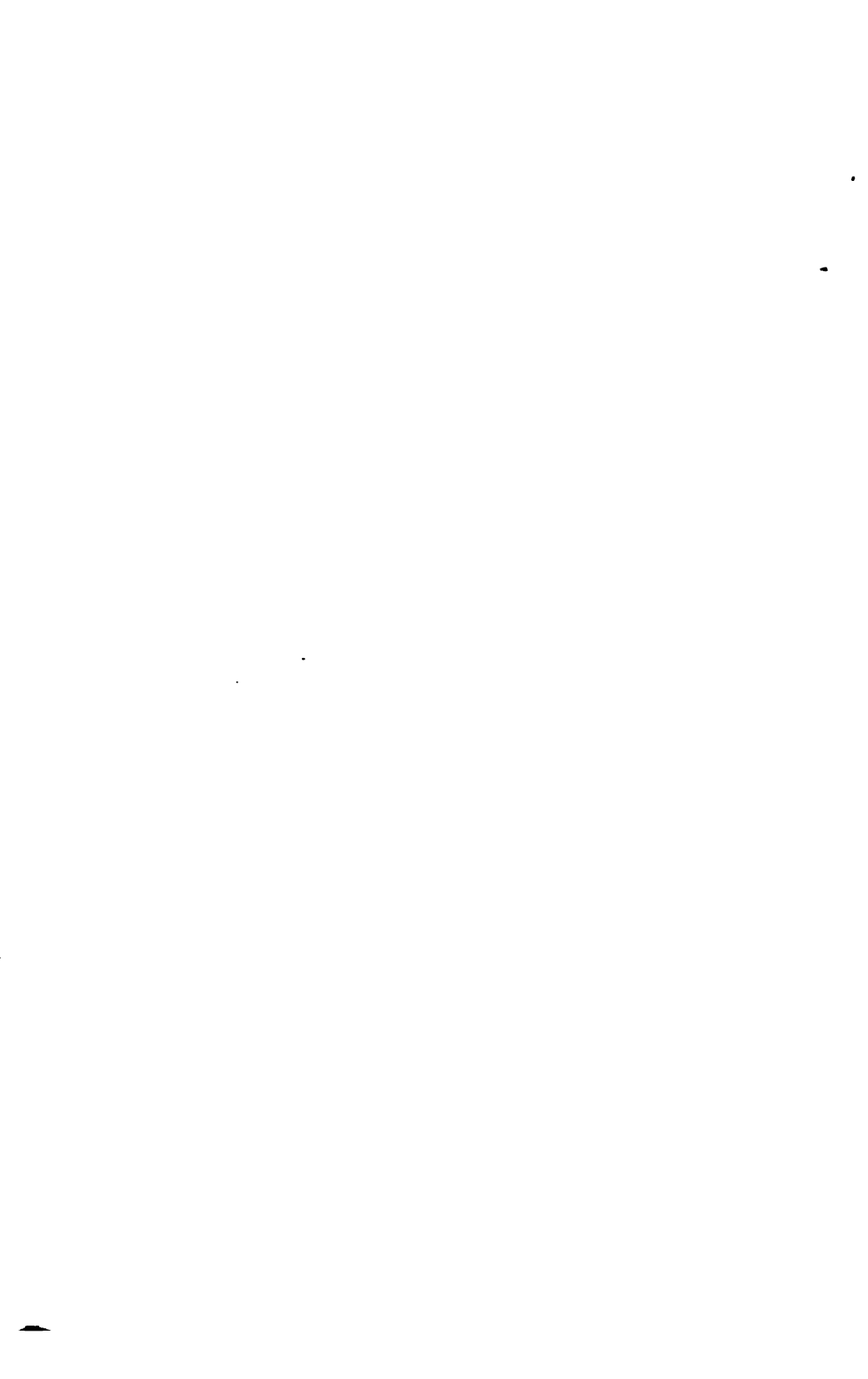
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# DEER-PARKS

AND

## PADDOCKS OF ENGLAND.

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### INTRODUCTION.

FOR sylvan beauty and variety of timber, few landscapes can compare with an English deer-park.

Many a wanderer in Western lands has remarked that on quitting the prairie and crossing a mountain-spur, he has entered upon a well-watered and well-timbered valley which "reminded him of nothing so much as a deer-park in England." No greater compliment could be paid or deserved. Englishmen may with justice boast of their parks, from royal Windsor and lordly Savernake to those of less pretensions, many of which, though less than fifty acres in extent, exhibit on a smaller scale the varied beauties of their larger rivals.

In England there are deer-parks and paddocks of all sizes, from 4000 acres at Savernake to a single acre at Bagnall House. They are no less varied in their shape and appearance than in the size and beauty of their timber.

For magnificent oaks, Windsor, Cornbury, and Kedleston stand pre-eminent; but for variety of timber trees, Thoresby in Nottinghamshire is hardly to be equalled. Not only oaks, but horse and Spanish chestnuts, beeches of all shapes and sizes, gnarled thorns, and Scotch firs attract notice on every

side. This fine park of over 2000 acres, surrounded by a grand oak fence, many of whose posts have withstood the weather of fifty years, and are covered with lichens and mosses of varied hues, is beautifully undulated and well-watered by a stream which widens into a lake of ninety acres.

Chillingham contains great breadths of meadow-land, and fir-clad uplands which culminate in hills of considerable height, whilst Lyme not only includes kindred beauties, but runs into purple-clad moorlands. Others, like Eridge in Sussex, are celebrated for their beauty and for the extent of the bracken. Castle Combe in Wiltshire is well known for its great beauty of hill and vale. Exton in Rutlandshire is famed for the number of ancient hawthorns which abound, and for the quaintness of its rustic park fence. Spetchley in Worcestershire has also a grand old oak fence fastened with oaken pegs, and is extremely picturesque.

These may be taken as typical examples, but it would not be too much to say that there is no park in England, of whatever size, but which at one season or another has some special and attractive beauty of its own.

The following are owners of more than one deer-park :—

Her Majesty the Queen (4).  
 The Duke of Devonshire (4).  
 The Countess of Stamford.  
 The Hon. Mrs. Meynel-Ingram.  
 The Marquis of Cholmondeley.  
 Earl Brownlow.  
 The Earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham.  
 The Earl of Carnarvon.  
 Earl Ferrers.  
 Lord Portman.  
 The Earl of Dudley.  
 Lord Tollemache of Helmingham.  
 Lord Willoughby D'Eresby.  
 Lord Falmouth.  
 The Hon. Mark Rolle.  
 Sir Edmund Loder, Bart.  
 Mr. Howard of Greystocke.  
 Mr. G. B. Archer-Houblon of Welford, Berks.

The under-mentioned parks, described in Shirley's "English Deer Parks, 1867," no longer contain deer :—

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Stanwich, Yorkshire.  
Gisburne, Yorkshire.  
Hornby Castle, Yorkshire.  
Newborough Park, Yorkshire.  
Bramham Park, Yorkshire.  
Marske Hall, Yorkshire.  
Aske, Yorkshire.  
Bolton Hall, Yorkshire.  
Miserden, Gloucestershire.  
Tortworth Court, Gloucestershire.  
Sandywell Park, Gloucestershire.  
Clearwell, Gloucestershire.  
Stancombe, Gloucestershire.  
Batsford, Gloucestershire.  
Ampney, Gloucestershire.  
Syston Park, Lincolnshire.  
Easton Park, Lincolnshire.  
Wimpole, Cambridgeshire.  
Fitwick, Bedfordshire.  
Audley End, Essex.  
Short Grove, Essex.  
Braxted, Essex.  
Charlton Park, Wiltshire.  
Connington Castle, Huntingdonshire.  
Kimbolton Castle, Huntingdonshire.  
Sandhill Park, Somersetshire.  
Leigh Court Park, Somersetshire.  
Hargrave Hall, Suffolk.  
Heveningham, Suffolk.  
Rackheath, Norfolk.  
Stansted, Sussex.  
Plasket, Sussex.  
Gorhambury, Hertfordshire.  
Putteridge Park, Hertfordshire.  
Bulstrode Park, Buckinghamshire.  
Turville Park, Buckinghamshire.  
Maiden Erlegh, Berkshire.  
Billingbear, Berkshire.  
Sunninghill Park, Berkshire.  
Wyniard Park, Durham.  
Brougham Hall, Westmoreland.

Clopton, Warwickshire.  
Merevale, Warwickshire.  
Warley Hall, Warwickshire.  
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Wrottesley Park, Staffordshire.  
Loxley Park, Staffordshire.  
Knypersley, Staffordshire.

In 1867 the late Mr. Evelyn Shirley published his "Account of English Deer-Parks," a work which has been long out of print, and is now very scarce. To the historical details which he gives I shall not attempt to add anything; although, as Mr. Harting has shown (*Zoologist*, May 1890, p. 153), some important corrections and additions might be usefully made. But as this would require more research and reference to county histories, topographies, charters, grants, and other records than I have leisure or inclination to bestow, I propose to confine myself to the corrections of Shirley's statistics concerning acreage (often very inaccurate), and to the addition of such particulars concerning the timber, water, and fencing as are omitted in the work referred to.

I have taken considerable pains to procure particulars of every enclosure containing deer, however small, and have issued over 1200 circular letters inviting replies to specific inquiries. Although by this means I have discovered more than fifty parks not mentioned by Shirley, it is of course possible that there may be still a few others which have escaped notice; and I have therefore requested the publisher to add a few blank leaves at the end of this volume, so that any parks unmentioned may be entered by the reader.

In bringing these particulars together, I am deeply indebted to those owners of parks who have so kindly answered my inquiries and given me particulars; and it is gratifying to add that only two owners (for reasons not disclosed) have declined to furnish information.\*

I have to thank the Editors of *The Field*, *The Zoologist*, *Land and Water*, *Yorkshire Post*, and many leading county

\* These parks are nevertheless included in the work.



papers, for noticing my projected work and publishing my request for information. My thanks are also due to the Lady Emily Foley, the Duke of Portland, the Earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham, the Earl of Wharnccliffe, the Earl of Gainsborough, Earl Manvers, Lord Lilford, the Hon. A. Curzon, Messrs J. E. Harting, O. V. Aplin, G. Watson of Rockingham Castle, Edward Bidwell, and especially to Mr. Edward Lowndes of Castle Combe, to whom I am indebted for notice of many parks which would otherwise have escaped my notice.

The county of York has more parks within its area than any other, though Gloucestershire, Staffordshire, Northamptonshire, and Sussex are not far behind. The last-named county has more enclosed land given up to deer than any other. The largest parks in England are Savernake, 4000 acres (a grand park, stretching for five miles, and full of the finest oaks); Windsor, 3000; Knowsley, 2600; Eridge, 2500 (the oldest deer-park in England, and the only one mentioned in *Doomsday Book* as containing deer then, as now); Duncombe, Yorkshire, 2240; Blenheim, 2254; Ickworth, 2000; Tatton, 2000; Thoresby, 2000, and Buckhurst, 2100. There are many others of over a thousand acres, and only those who are thoroughly competent to estimate acreage can form an idea of what a park of even a thousand acres means.

Soon after the Norman Conquest, the Barons and other dependants of the Conqueror who had settled down in this country, being much addicted to hunting, began to form parks which were carved out of the forests, and included all the wild animals which could be driven in at the time of such enclosure. These increased until Cromwell's time, when they were probably more numerous than at the present day. The Roundheads were as hostile to parks as to cathedrals, and many were destroyed, the fences broken down, and the deer driven out or killed. A great number of existing parks date no farther back than Charles the Second's time, when the owners settled down again in their own homes, and endeavoured to restore the mischief caused by the Civil War.

When Oliver Cromwell besieged Wootton Lodge, which had a deer-park then as now, he was accompanied by his son-in-law, Thomas Fleetwood, whose brother, Sir Richard Fleetwood, held the house for the King. The marks of the cannon-balls are still visible on the building. This park has the oldest walls in England, having been built by the Fleetwoods in the reign of Richard II. It encloses 1510 acres, is ten feet high and four feet thick; its cost was so great that it ruined the builder, though the labourers were only paid at the rate of one penny a day—a penny, however, in those days being equivalent to at least a shilling of our money.

Other parks with fine walls are Woburn in Bedfordshire, Long Ashton in Somerset, and Wollaton in Notts.

There is no evidence of the precise date when Fallow-deer were introduced into England, or whence they were imported, but there is good reason to believe that they were introduced by the Romans. It has been repeatedly stated that the dark variety of the Fallow-deer was brought from Norway by James I., to improve those already in the parks, but Mr. Harting has shown clearly that this variety existed in English parks long before James's day.\*

Equally erroneous is the statement that the spotted variety, known formerly as *Menil*, was brought from Manilla.

Outside the park fences Fallow-deer have for centuries been found in an almost wild state in the New Forest and Epping Forest, and Mr. G. Watson of Rockingham Castle, in a long and interesting letter, has informed me that there is still a remnant of an ancient herd in Rockingham Forest, although their numbers are now reduced to about a dozen.

Red-deer are still to be found in a wild state in Devon and Somerset. Mr. Charles Basset, the Master of the Devon and Somerset Stag-Hounds, has been good enough to inform me that he estimates there are about 250 Red-deer in the country in which these hounds hunt. There are also a few Red-deer on Martendale Fell in Westmoreland.

With regard to the New Forest, the Hon. Gerald Lascelles writes:—

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\* "Essays on Sport and Natural History," 1883, pp. 12, 13.

"There are a few Red-deer in the New Forest, say fifteen to twenty. There were never many. In the old days, when a large stock of deer was kept, the Red-deer, though not killed down, never increased much above eighty head, though the Fallow-deer would get up to 5000 and even 6000. Of Fallow-deer there may be now (January 1892) from 200 to 250. They are all precisely alike in colour, viz., very dark brown, with dun legs and bellies in Winter, and in Summer all 'fallow,' *i.e.*, light red, with whitish spots on the sides. The brightness of the spots varies, but the colour never. They all change their coats simultaneously in May and October, just like wild Roe, and in this respect of varying in colour are unlike any park-deer that I am acquainted with.

"These deer are the pure old English (or Roman) stock. They have always run perfectly wild in the Forest and adjoining woods, and the stock has never been quite extinct. The only cross I know of was in the time of James I., who is said to have introduced some very dark-coloured bucks from Norway. He also imported some Red-deer from France. They were emparked within the Forest, but were probably used for a cross on the wild herd. A white, or rather cream-coloured, doe was bred here some years ago, and she dropped two or three cream-coloured fawns. I killed them all off. The old doe appeared to be an albino."

The Roe-deer in Great Britain, although chiefly confined to Scotland, is still to be found sparingly in Northumberland, Cumberland, and Durham, while in Dorsetshire, where it was reintroduced at Milton Abbey at the commencement of the present century, it is now tolerably numerous in the Milton, Whatcombe, and Houghton Woods, which fringe the southern side of the Vale of Blackmoor, from Stoke Wake to Melcombe Park and the Grange Woods westward; the number being merely a question of preservation or non-preservation by adjoining land-owners.\* There are a few also in the woods around Virginia Water, Windsor, and in Petworth Park, Sussex.

It was in Dorsetshire in the Spring of 1884 that, under the supervision and direction of Mr. Harting, at the request

\* See *The Zoologist* for March 1889, p. 83.

and at the cost of Mr. E. N. Buxton (one of the Verderers of Epping Forest), eight Roe-deer were captured, by means of nets hung in the "passes," in coverts belonging to Mr. Mansel Pleydell and the late Colonel Hambro, and were transported by cart and rail into Essex, where they were liberated the following day in Epping Forest to re-stock the glades in which their species had formerly roamed, but where they had long been extinct.\*

These beautiful little deer might with advantage be introduced into other counties (as has recently been done in the woods at Vaynol Park, North Wales, the property of Mr. G. W. Duff Assheton Smith). In large woods, where the trees are well grown, they do little or no harm, though it must be confessed that to saplings and underwood they are naturally destructive.

The same might be said of Fallow-deer in many parks which contain all that goes to make a charming landscape save the presence of deer. It was the opinion of the late Richard Jefferies that "a park without deer is like a wall without pictures."

In the many books of natural history and sport which I have read, I have found little or nothing concerning the daily life and habits of deer. This can only be well observed in a small enclosure where they are within view all day. The following notes, therefore, from daily observation from Summer to Winter in my own small park here at Rainworth, will perhaps be acceptable.

Fallow-deer shed their coats earlier or later according to the weather. In an early Spring they begin in March, and are sleek by the end of April; but if the Winter has been protracted and the Spring backward, they retain their hair much longer.† The greater part of the old coat is pulled off by the deer themselves, and may be seen on the ground in mouthfuls. Jackdaws are very fond of deer's hair for the

\* See *The Field*, April 5, 1884, and the *Transactions of the Essex Field Club*, 1887, pp. 46-62.

† In a late Spring like that of 1891 the Fallow-deer had not acquired their new coats till the middle of May.

lining of their nests, and may be frequently seen on the backs of deer pulling off the hair for themselves, and flying away with it to their nesting-holes in the old oaks. During this period of shedding, the deer look very mangy, being covered with patches of old and new hair. The dark variety of Fallow-deer are much darker in the Summer than they are in the Winter, and the light-coloured ones are much paler, which is curious. In fact, some that look quite dark fawn-colour without spots in Winter, have coats in Summer several shades lighter, and their quarters are then covered with white spots. The tails of the light-coloured deer are much longer than those of the black variety.

Fallow-bucks drop their horns in May, the older animals losing theirs first, the prickets last. The fresh growth begins in about ten days after the horns are cast, and the rapidity with which the new horns shoot up is very marvellous. At this time the bucks put on much flesh, and during the time the horns are growing get into much better condition. The size of the horns depends much how deer are fed in the winter, and whether they have also good pasture while the horns are growing, and are not too much inbred. Under favourable circumstances the horns are of fine size and shape with broad palmations, and many points which are longer and cleaner. I have a buck here at Rainworth which has had corn from birth, and on a fresh pasture had a three-year old head at two years. Even when a pricket, his horns were quite six inches long instead of about three (which is the average), and at two years old his antlers were quite as large as many at four, or a very fine three-year-old. I have seen many four-year-old deer with poorer heads.

The following account of the effect of a wound on the growth of a Fallow-buck's horn will be of interest. It was sent to me by Mr. Lowndes of Castle Combe, and I give it in his own words :—"It is curious how slight a wound will affect the growth of horns. Some years ago I was exchanging a few bucks with Lord Cowley, when one of those we took there got a severe bite on the fleshy part of the thigh from the dog we were catching them with. It was merely a

flesh wound, and in two or three weeks the buck was all right and sound; but, though he remained three or four seasons in my park, he always grew an imperfect horn on the side on which he had been bitten, and each year it was little more than half the size of the other horn."

He adds:—"Mr. Shirley speaks of some way of castrating deer so that they will put up fair-sized horns, but I have never known a havier here to grow horns. I killed one, however, a few years ago that had an excrescence covered with velvet, about the size of an orange, on its head. It proved to be of soft and spongy nature, and was infiltrated with a white milky fluid. No doubt it was an effort of nature to grow a horn; but even in the month of October, when the havier would be killed, the lump was still quite soft, and had become no bigger than an orange."

The effect of castration on the growth of horns is very curious. If a buck be castrated when his horns are off, he never renews them; if when on, he never sheds them. If cut on the right side, he grows a horn only on the left, and *vice versâ*. I am informed, also, that if the operation be performed while the horns are "in the velvet," they always remain in that state; but this I do not know for a certainty.

Both bucks and does will pick up and chew shed horns. I have seen them also chewing old rib-bones of beef, which, with other refuse, had been spread on the park after cleaning out the ash-pits.

All park-deer in Winter and early Spring should have extra food given them, beginning (if grass is scarce) not later than end of October, and never later than the middle of November.

When deer are thus fed in Autumn, they get in good condition, and are ready to withstand any storm, however severe it may be; but when the feeding is delayed until the stormy weather arrives, it is too late, and before their strength improves they die—sometimes in numbers. I have heard of as many as 147 out of 400 being lost in one park from this cause.

Beans are the best food, and half a pint daily to each, with

hay, is ample, and will carry them through the most severe Winter and keep them in good condition. A few turnips now and again give a nice change. The hay should be given at night, and scattered about, so that all may get a share. If given in the morning, the deer, having had their corn, do not eat much, and nearly always lie on it, after which they will not touch it, and so much is wasted. Give corn, therefore, in the morning and hay at night. A change of food is good, and deer are very fond of acorns, which, when plentiful, are as cheap as any other kind of food, and as good. In 1890 there was a great crop of acorns, and they were to be bought at eighteenpence a bushel. Deer are also very fond of crab-apples, which may be gathered in October and stored until required.

On wet land Fallow-deer often suffer from liver fluke. For the cure of this very fatal complaint spread Scotch fir and spruce boughs about; the turpentine in them will soon check the disease. A few lumps of rock-salt placed in different parts of the park is not only much liked by deer, but does them good. In Spring, branches of ash and thorn, if spread about for them to nibble, will act as a tonic. No animals will prosper or pay unless they are well looked after, and it is poor economy, for the sake of a few shillings-worth of corn, to lose a deer worth three or four pounds. Feeding should be continued well into Spring, say until the 1st of April, if the Spring is early, and if late, until the end of that month. A late and cold Spring will try deer more than a hard Winter, and many are lost from this cause. It is wonderful what rough hay deer will eat, and do well on; and it is a good plan to mow some of the rough grass to be found in every deer-park; get it green, and put salt on every load; it will then heat well, and make good food; while, if left on the ground, it will be wasted, and, in fact, do harm.

It is not always the best land that produces the best venison. The good land may give large beasts, but not necessarily of good flavour. A mixture of herbage is best. In Thoresby Park, where the venison is of exceptional quality, there is much wild thyme, and to this herb the

excellent flavour is attributed. Warnham Court, in Sussex, produces the largest deer in England; a stag has been killed there exceeding forty-four stone (eight pounds to the stone) and with thirty-six points.\*

It is generally allowed that the flavour of Fallow-deer venison is better than that of Red-deer. The latter are fit to kill sooner than the former; the stags being in condition from the end of July until the middle of September, and hinds up to Christmas; Fallow-bucks from the beginning of August until the third week in September; the does till January.

The habits of deer in parks vary according to season. From May till October they rest from about 9.30 A.M. until 2 P.M.; sometimes in the shade, sometimes on the top of a hill where they catch what little breeze there may be. During the period of rest they get up occasionally to stretch themselves, and after licking or scratching their sides and necks with hoof and horn, they lie down again, but always on the other side. They pass their time in chewing the cud and sleeping, and if the day be hot and sunny, will lie with all four legs stretched out, exposing as much of their bodies to the sun as they can. About 2 P.M. they feed, and wander about till four, when they again lie down for about two hours, starting again about 6 P.M. and continuing until 9 P.M., when they rest until five the next morning, feeding from that hour until 9 or 9.30 A.M. In the Winter they feed most of the short days, but when well supplied with corn and hay, they rest during the middle of the day.

In parks which are heavily stocked, deer have to work harder for their food, and rest for shorter periods. When rising from the ground, deer get on their knees first, then raise their hind-quarters before getting on their fore-feet. When they lie down, they drop on their knees and swing their hind-quarters under them. In fact, they get up and lie down as a cow does, just reversing the actions of a horse.

Many people are of opinion that deer spoil pastures by biting too close; but after very careful watching, I am con-

\* I am informed that there is at present <sup>At it</sup> (June 1892) a stag in this park with forty-eight points.



vinced they do not bite so close as either sheep or horses, and I am certain that a deer will live where a sheep will starve. In this small park I have some St. Kilda sheep as well as deer, and have always remarked after a hard Winter, that although kept on the same food, the deer look well, and the sheep quite the reverse. When feeding deer, the corn or beans should always be spread over as large a space of ground as possible; by this means the does and fawns will get their share; but if thrown down in heaps, the bucks will get the greater portion of it. It is really wonderful how every bean and grain of maize (or Indian-corn) is picked up, and in a very short space of time. Always have the hay-racks on wheels, so that they can be moved about. This keeps the ground from being too much trampled, and the seeds that fall out improve the pasture. Old stale hay may be made eatable by pouring salt and water over it out of a watering-pot, and when sprinkled with Thorley's powder, deer will readily eat it.

To improve the pasture in parks (especially in those where no manure can be spared), let the park-keeper get a hundredweight of white or Dutch clover-seed, and about the end of April or early in May sow it in certain places, a different patch every year. This will greatly improve the pasture, and cost very little, for a hundredweight of seed will cover a considerable space of ground.

Fawns are born early in June, and an old park-keeper in these parts always declares that if there is not a fawn in the park on May 31st, there will be one on June 1st.

According to some writers, "the doe has one fawn, often two, and sometimes three;" but this is a mistake. A doe has usually but one fawn, very seldom two, and never three. I have questioned many park-keepers on the subject, and they have one and all stated that it is a most rare occurrence for a doe to have even two fawns. One who has been a park-keeper for years never had such a case; another who has looked after two hundred deer for fourteen years had only known *one* case of twins.

Now and again fawns are dropped in Autumn; I have

heard of a few in October and one in November. When fawns suck, they always hold their tails straight up like a goat, and the doe suckles them off and on up to the time the next is born. I have seen a doe which missed having a fawn suckle the fawn of the preceding year into the second Winter. Some writers state that during the early days of a fawn's life the doe hides it in thick covert, long grass, or bracken; but this is not always the case. Here at Rainworth, where I have had good opportunity of watching them, and where there is no thick covert or bracken, when a fawn is disturbed it will walk about feeling with its nose, and on finding some high grass, it will lie down in the same way as a dog or a fox, sometimes with the head resting on the back.

Fallow-deer when in a park seldom jump out if the fence is a good one (it should be six feet high) unless when pressed or chased by a dog. Nothing frightens deer so much as hounds running, and when mine hear them (with the accompaniment of horn and cracking of whips) they run in all directions; whereas they take little or no notice of a shooting party. Sooner than jump, they prefer to creep through a fence where a pale is off, or a flight down. They are much wilder in small than in large parks, and in Summer than in Winter. At the latter season scarcity of food tames them, but when days are longer and grass more plentiful, they take alarm sooner, and will not permit so near an approach.

Fences for deer-parks are of various kinds, and nothing looks better, or harmonises more with the landscape, than the old-fashioned oak-paling, covered with lichen and mellowed with age. No doubt a wall of stone or brick is to be preferred; for though more costly at first, it affords greater security, and keeps a park quieter. Iron, though far from picturesque, makes the cheapest fence, and is the easiest to put up. Many park-owners are gradually replacing old fences with iron, which, when once put up, is more easily and cheaply maintained, a coat of common gas-tar once every four or five years being all that it requires to keep it in order.

Deer will jump at a wooden fence when they will not attempt an iron one. But then how unpicturesque is the latter! In this respect every owner of deer must please himself.

In English parks the animals usually kept are Fallow-deer, which look well in any sized enclosure, and are of varied colours, and Red-deer, which are only suitable for large parks with fine timber.

In a few parks the smaller Japanese deer (*Cervus sika*) are kept, and do well, being hardy and prolific, and in two parks, namely, at Chillingham and Chartley, may be seen picturesque herds of so called Wild White Cattle.

Red-deer are kept alone in the following parks:—Blenheim (Oxon), Bolton Abbey (Yorkshire), Barmingham (Yorkshire), Calcot (Berks). When the late Mr. Shirley wrote (1867), Red-deer were kept in only thirty-one parks, but now they are to be found in eighty-six, of which number Badminton has the largest herd.

Nothing looks more stately than a number of these fine animals in a great park, whether seen in the open or knee-deep in fern amidst giant oaks. In a few parks there may be seen a white or cream-coloured variety of the Red-deer, with flesh-coloured noses, and pale blue or straw-coloured eyes. They are quite as large, and carry as fine heads, as those of the normal colour. They are, however, of very uncommon occurrence, and are only found in the following (six) parks, viz., Langley (Sir R. Harvey), where there are thirty-five; Windsor, twenty-five; Welbeck, fourteen; Woburn, eighteen; Alnwick, two; and Ashridge, where Lord Brownlow has one left. Whence this variety was derived I do not know. By some they are called "German deer," but the Duke of Portland calls those in his park "Danish." They are well worth preserving, for amongst those of the normal colour they add variety in park or paddock.

Fallow-deer are of many colours, the result of crossing the spotted and dark varieties, and in two parks there are herds of *pure white* Fallow-deer; one at Welbeck, numbering over 130; the other at Sledmere, of about thirty. The deer

in both these herds when full-grown are white, those at Welbeck as white as snow, while at Sledmere they are of a pale cream-colour. The fawns at Welbeck are pure white from birth; at Sledmere they are at first of a dark cream-colour, and do not become quite white until three years old. At Welbeck now and again a fawn is born "off colour," and is at once killed; at Sledmere they are always born true to colour. In some parks the black variety alone is kept—as, for instance, at Ragley, Bosworth, Levens, and Stanton-in-the-Peak. In the last-named park I found the deer in fine condition, and though a small herd, and never crossed, they carried good heads of fair size. Major Thornhill informed me that the fawns are all born true to colour. In summer these deer look almost jet black, and have a gloss on their coats which a thorough-bred horse might envy. They are wilder and more active than the spotted ones, not so heavy, and have shorter tails. They look well in a large herd, but in a small park a variety of colour is more pleasing. The palmations in the horns of the black variety are not so broad as in the spotted kind. Without change of blood the black ones do better than the others. Lord Hertford's herd at Ragley have never been crossed within the memory of man, yet they retain their weight, their horns also being as fine as ever.

I am convinced, nevertheless, that a large herd to do well must have change of blood, while in a small one this is absolutely necessary.

There are several ways of catching deer, and where change of blood is wanted, and one owner desires to exchange with another, it is well to know the best way of capturing them without injury. At Eastwell the deer are run down and caught by dogs which are bred and kept for this purpose. In other parks they are ridden down; but this is a bad plan, for nine times out of ten they are injured in some way, and generally die soon afterwards. Deer are also caught in nets. These should be placed in some valley or "pass" where they run from one wooded part of the park to another. They should not be placed

in the open, but amongst trees, where they are not so likely to be seen. The deer are then carefully driven towards them, and when within a hundred yards, or less, are suddenly hurried forward, and speedily get rolled up in the net. One objection to this mode of capture is that the deer knock about more, and often injure themselves in their struggles to escape. Another plan is to trap them in an enclosure in a wood or small paddock, up to and into which they are fed. It may be constructed as follows:—Fence a piece of ground about twenty or twenty-five yards square, not less, and as much bigger as desired, with palings seven feet high; for when deer are caught it is really wonderful what a height they will jump in their endeavour to get out. Have two gates quite ten feet wide opposite each other, opening outwards, and fastening back to the fence. Feed well till the deer are quite accustomed to enter the yard, and in about the numbers required; then prop the gates with pieces of wood having a cord attached, and stretching away for a hundred yards, or so, to some trees or artificial hiding-place. Watch the deer in, and then pull the cords; the gates will swing to, and hasp. Do not go to the yard till the next morning, when the deer will have settled down a bit. Water and hay should be put in the yard when the trap is set. Next morning the deer may be taken with nets. When caught, and only going to be sent a short distance, the legs should be tied; for preference a hind-leg may be tied to a fore one on the other side; this prevents their kicking and struggling. But if going a long journey, they should travel in a proper deer-van in which some old hay has been littered down. When about to liberate them, unfasten the door, and, with a long string tied to it, retire a hundred yards or so, and pull the door open, when the deer, not seeing you, will not be so frightened, and will move quietly off. Always turn them out in the morning, not at night. Fresh-caught deer will try to get out for a few days, but will eventually settle down. There should be one buck to four does at the most. Deer, as a rule, are very silent except in the rutting season, when

the bucks make a loud bellowing noise and fight savagely. When a buck touches a doe with his nose or horn, she makes a noise like "neep, neep." When a deer is startled, it strikes the ground with its foot, and gives a grunt like "hoof, hoof." In most parks a deer to the acre is sufficient, but some park-owners run them much closer. Lord Portman, for example, at Bryanstone, Dorset, has four deer to the acre, and Lord Lilford in Northamptonshire, and Mrs. Huntley at Carham, have their parks more heavily stocked than is usual. This means heavy feeding in Winter. When deer are seen scattered all over a park in twos and threes in the Winter, it implies that they are in want of food; for when pasture is good they always feed in company or in small parties.

With these observations on the management of park-deer, I bring to a close a work which has occupied my leisure hours for some years. I now send it forth in the hope that it may be acceptable not only to the inexperienced, but to those also who, long in possession of a deer-park, may be curious to know how many others share their privilege, and to what extent.

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## BERKSHIRE.

### Windsor Great Park.

Owner, Her Majesty the Queen.

Acreage, about 3000 acres.

Fence, cleft oak.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 1000.

Average weight of bucks, 106 lbs.

Average weight of does, 54 lbs.

Number of red deer, 100.

Neither stags nor hinds are killed.

Water plentiful and picturesque surroundings; some beautiful old oaks.

The earliest notice of this park is in the thirty-first year of Henry III.

One of the grandest parks in England. Magnificent timber; some fine avenues; rough fern brakes in some parts, open lawns in others; undulated, and surrounded by vast tracts of forest and ornamentally timbered land.

*Cranbourne Park*, though part of the *Great Park*, has a pale of its own, and contains a herd of twenty-five white red deer.

In *Swinley Paddock* are kept the red deer that are used for the buck-hounds. There are always red deer in this paddock, and at some times of the year a good many.

### Hamstead Park.

Owner, the Earl of Craven.

Acreage, 450 acres.

Fence, oak paling.

Water supply, two large pools.

Number of fallow deer, 180.

Average weight of bucks, 110 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Number of red deer, 25.

The park is very undulating, with much bracken, and contains many beautiful trees, oaks, sycamores, beeches, Scotch firs, and hawthorns. There are two fine avenues, one of limes, the other of chestnuts.

### **Englefield Park.**

Owner, Richard Benyon, Esquire.

Acreage, 450 acres.

Fence, wall, and oak paling.

Water supply, a lake.

Number of fallow deer, 350.

The soil is loam with a long gravelly hill, covered largely with fern, oak, and beech.

Said to have existed in Queen Elizabeth's reign.

### **Aldermaston Park.**

Owner, Higford Higford, Esquire.

Acreage (deer-park only), 250 acres.

Fence, wire and wooden paling.

Number of fallow deer, 70 to 80.

A very fine old park.

### **Hall Place Park.**

Owner, Sir Gilbert A. Clayton East, Bart.

Acreage, 130 acres.

Fence, mostly cleft oak, but partly wire fence.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 120.

Average weight (in 13 years) of bucks, 108½ lbs.

Average weight (in 8 years) of does, 54 lbs.



Other animals, Alderney cows.

Rather thickly wooded and sheltered.

It is not known whether the herd existed before 1728: it is believed that no new blood has been introduced since then. It is certain that none has been introduced since 1828.

### **Wolley Park.**

Owner, Philip Wroughton, Esquire.

Acreage, 120 acres.

Fence, oak pales.

Water supply, ponds.

Number of fallow deer, about 200.

Average weight of bucks, 110 lbs.

Average weight of does, 65 lbs.

Other animals, rheas or South American ostriches.

Beech, elm, and oak, sheltered from the north by beech plantations.

Enclosed at the end of the 17th century.

### **Silwood Park.**

Owner, Thomas Cordes, Esquire.

Acreage, 100 acres.

Fence, mostly ten-barred iron fence and some park paling.

Water supply, surface water brought to a pond.

Number of fallow deer, about 120 (including fawns).

Other animals, any number of rabbits.

The park is very well wooded with oak, beech, elm, and is broken up into hill and dale, so that the deer can always obtain shelter.

### **Calcot Park.**

Owner, John Henry Blgrave, Esquire.

Acreage, 90 acres.

Fence, oak park fencing.

Water supply, natural,—lake.

Number of red deer, 150.

### **Welford Park.**

Owner, G. B. Archer-Houblon, Esquire.

Acreage, about 90 acres.

Fence, iron hurdles.

Water supply, natural, from River Lambourn.

Number of fallow deer, about 80.

The park contains various kinds of timber trees and abundance of fern.

### **Buckland Park.**

Owner, Sir William Throckmorton, Bart.

Acreage, 60 acres.

Fence, iron railings and sunk fence.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 108.

Average weight of bucks, 95 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs.

The park is well timbered and undulating.



## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

### Ashridge Park.

Owner, Earl Brownlow.

Acreage, 1100 acres.

Fence, partly oak, partly iron.

Water supply, both natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 300.

Average weight of bucks, 115 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Number of red deer, 100.

Average weight of stags, 23 stones.

Average weight of hinds, 12 stones.

Other animals, Highland Scots.

Very fine oak and beech.

Wild and forest-like ground of great beauty.

### Stoke Park.

Owner, Wilberforce Bryant, Esquire.

Acreage, 500 acres.

Fence, oak paling.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 200.

Average weight of bucks, 11 stone.

Average weight of does, 8 stone.

Number of red deer, about 80.

Average weight of stags, 16 stone.

Average weight of hinds, 12 stone.

Some of the finest red stags weigh nearly 20 stone, being unusually large.

There are some fine oaks, elms, chestnuts, beech, and very old thorns.

Shirley states that Sir John de Molins obtained license from Edward III. to empark his woods here in 1337.

### **Whaddon Chase Park.**

Owner, W. Selby Lowndes, Esquire, M.F.H.

Acreage, 400 acres.

Fence, the old wooden rent pales, single rail along the top.

Water supply, natural small ponds, and a brook running through the middle of the park.

Number of fallow deer, 50.

Average weight of bucks, 13 stone.

Part is hilly, covered with oaks, elms, and crab-trees.

It includes four hills—Oak Hill, Kennel Hill, Home Park, and Henry VIII.'s Hill.

A little while back the park abounded with red deer, and there were also emus and kangaroos running wild in it.

There was an open chase here called Whaddon Chase containing wild deer until recent times; some portions of it still remain as woods, the rest has been brought into cultivation.

### **Langley Park.**

Owner, Sir Robert G. Harvey, Bart.

Acreage, 383 acres.

Fence, oak pales.

Water supply, artificial ponds, the largest 8 acres.

Number of fallow deer, 80.

Number of white red deer, 35.

Two rheas or South American ostriches.

Chiefly oak, fine old pollard trees.

Beech, elm, and some very fine cedars.

To the north of the deer-park is the "Black Park," described as a wild heathy place, planted with Scotch firs, and containing a large piece of water. The land slopes gradually up from the house to the Black Park.

### Biddlesden Park.

Owner, Colonel George Manners Morgan.

Acreage, 180 acres.

Fence, oak paling.

Water supply, the old Abbey fishponds.

Number of fallow deer, 160.

Average weight of bucks, 130 to 135 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Nine years ago a buck was killed which weighed 157 lbs., clean.

This is the ancient deer-park of Biddlesden Abbey, and dates from 1120; the Abbey was Cistercian.

The nuts and thorns are very large, but not so numerous as they were some years ago, for they are dying out from old age.

### Stowe Park.

Owner, the Baroness Kinloss, formerly the property of the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos.

Acreage, deer-park 140 acres; the whole park, 700 acres.

Fence, chiefly wooden, but half-a-mile of wire.

Water supply, large artificial ponds, about 12 acres in deer-park, and 10 acres elsewhere.

Number of fallow deer, 86.

Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Number of red deer, 20.

Average weight of stags, 280 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, 130 lbs.

Amongst other animals is a herd of Cashmere goats, now reduced to six.

Timber, large oaks, elms, and limes.

The approach to the park is through an avenue two miles long from Buckingham, and one mile long from Water Stratford.

## BEDFORDSHIRE.

### Woburn Park.

Owner, the Duke of Bedford.

Acreage, 1100 acres.

Fence, brick wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 380.

Number of red deer, 60.

Some fine oaks.

Shirley says the doe venison in this park is remarkably good.

A fine park, with belts of wood containing a remarkable collection of choice trees round part of it ; some fine oaks.

Mr. Lowndes of Castle Combe tells me that the late Colonel Morgan of Biddlesden Park, Bucks, showed him some deer which he called *Woburn deer*, and which he said were peculiar to Woburn Park. They were white deer with bluish-grey necks and shoulders, and their croups marked in the same way with bluish-grey.

### Wrest Park.

Owner, Earl Cowper, K.G.

Acreage, 422 acres.

Fence, walls of sandstone raised on the estate.

Water supply, both natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, about 200.

Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.

Average weight of does, 70 lbs.

The chief features of the park consist of avenues of fine elm trees, with old oak and other timber trees in clumps scattered about.

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

### Chippenham Park.

Owner, Montagu Tharp, Esquire.

Acreage, 350 acres.

Fence, wall.

Water supply, a lake.

Number of fallow deer, about 100.

Other animals or birds, black and white rabbits, partridges, pheasants, ducks, herons, &c.

Very beautiful trees, and a lake of 10 acres.

### Peterhouse College Park.

Owner, St. Peter's College, Cambridge.

I am indebted to Dr. Porter, Master of Peterhouse, for the following interesting account of the small deer-park belonging to that College, which I cannot do better than quote *in extenso* :—

“PETERHOUSE LODGE, CAMBRIDGE,  
*February 24, 1892.*

“We have had a few deer in our College grounds at Peterhouse for thirty-five years, or nearly so. The Rev. J. W. Taylor presented to the College in 1857 a buck and a doe, which I believe he obtained from a dealer in London, and during part of that period we have had as many as twelve. The late Duke of Devonshire, Chancellor of the University, about 1870 sent us a buck and does from one of his deer-parks, and the late Earl of Rosslyn, a year before his death, sent us from Easton Lodge, Dunmow, half-a-

dozen young deer ; but they disliked so much the confinement within our small grounds, that they nearly all died. At present we have only two, but in the proper season we shall endeavour to replenish our stock.

"I am sorry that I have such a meagre account to give you ; it is so meagre that I thought it was not worth sending to you.

"I remember in 1861 one of our deer escaped from our small enclosure and lived luxuriously in the corn-fields, and successfully resisted all attempts to capture him. At last it was found necessary to shoot him, and he was brought to me early in August. The British Association met at Cambridge that year, and I well remember that Sir William Armstrong (now Lord Armstrong), who was one of our guests, expressing the opinion that this venison was the best he had ever tasted.

JAMES PORTER."





## CHESHIRE.

### Tatton Park.

Owner, Lord Egerton of Tatton.

Acreage, about 2000, including woods and water ; contains the whole township of Tatton, parts of Mobberley, Rostherne, and Knutsford.

Fence, wall, and iron fencing.

Water supply, 60 acres of mere, with two brooks running through it.

Number of fallow deer, from 500 to 600.

Number of red deer, from 80 to 90.

The largest head from 19 to 20 points.

Elands and elk have been tried, but did not thrive. The four-horned St. Kilda sheep are breeding well.

### Lyme Park.

Owner, William John Legh, Esquire.

Acreage, 1700 acres.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 35.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs.

Number of red deer, 170.

Average weight of stags, 220 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, 120 lbs.

The supply of water from natural springs within the park is very large ;—the neighbouring district, including the town of Stockport, draws its supply from this source. The Stockport District Water Company has large reservoirs in the park.

Part of this park is 1200 feet above the sea-level. A great deal very bare of timber, open hillside.

### **Eaton Park.**

Owner, the Duke of Westminster, K.G.

Acreage, about 350 acres.

Fences—sunk fence, iron fence, and rustic fence.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 300.

Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.

Average weight of does, 46 lbs.

Trees in the park, oaks, elms, chestnuts, and hawthorns.

Several large pools of water; and the River Dee runs through the grounds.

The park is surrounded with large coverts, well stocked with game, and strips of well-planted park-like approaches several miles in length connect it with the Chester and other entrance lodges.

### **Oulton Park.**

Owner, Sir Philip Grey Egerton, Bart.

Acreage, 300 acres.

Fence, brick wall.

Water supply, natural, 60 acres.

Number of fallow deer, 250.

Some of the best lime trees in Cheshire are in this park.

### **Doddington Park.**

Owner, Sir Henry Delves Broughton, Bart.

Acreage of deer park, including a pool of 56 acres, 263 acres.

Fences—sunk fence, iron fence, and oak park fencing.

Water supply, brought from a brook by a culvert.

Number of fallow deer, about 150.

Number of red deer, 30.

Well timbered light soil.

A number of wild-fowl of all sorts in winter, including mallard, teal, widgeon, tufted duck, scaup, sheldrake, goosander, grebes, &c.

### **Dunham Massey Park.**

Owner, the Countess of Stamford and Warrington.

Acreage, about 250 acres.

Fence, brick wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 70; formerly more.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 70 lbs.

Game abundant.

Some very fine oak and beech trees, and several pools of water of fair size; undergrowth, bracken; subsoil, sand.

### **Adlington Park.**

Owner, Mrs. E. M. Legh.

Acreage, 175 acres.

Fence, part paling, part wire.

Water supply, natural

Number of fallow deer, about 70.

### **Cholmondeley Park.**

Owner, the Marquis of Cholmondeley.

Acreage, deer-park only, about 170 acres.

Fence, part oak paling, and part continuous iron fencing.

Water supply, a natural mere of 29 acres, in addition to the above acreage.

Number of fallow deer, about 200.

Canadian geese, swans, water-fowl, wild duck, &c.

The timber is very fine.

The portion of the park adjoining, which is grazed with cattle, is rather larger than the deer-park, and contains another mere of 23 acres.

The River Weaver runs through this portion.

There are seven lodges, and the whole park is undulating and extremely pretty.

### Carden Park.

Owner, John Hurleston Leche, Esquire.

Acreage, 105 acres.

Fence, continuous 6 ft. 6 in. iron, and some natural rocks.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, about 160.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs., dressed.

Average weight of does, 60 to 70 lbs., dressed.

Some few sheep.

The timber is principally oak (some very old), sycamore, also of rare size, some about two hundred years old; Spanish chestnut, Scotch firs, limes, elm, ash, and beech.

The park is undulating, sheltered on the east and north-east by wooded rocks and caves. The Hall, in the centre of the park, is very old, and black and white timbered. Its water is artificial, with island and summer-house; the date of these is not known—somewhere about the beginning of last century.

Deer were enclosed here by Edward III. in a park from which other parks in Cheshire were subsequently stocked. The owner had to find a certain number of stags for the King's sport. It is not certain that new blood has been introduced from other parks on more than three occasions, on the last of which, in 1891, a cross was received from Mr. G. W. Duff Assheton Smith, of Vaynol Park, Bangor.

The venison is of an exceptionable quality, and no disease has ever been known.

### Beeston Castle Park. (The Castle in ruins.)

Owner, Lord Tollemache of Helmingham.

Acreage, 50 acres.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, pond, and surface water.

Number of fallow deer, 20.

Owing to the shallowness of the soil, the rock being close to the surface, the ground is very poor, and the deer only breed occasionally. Any above the usual number (20) are used in the winter soup-kitchen.

## CORNWALL.

### Boconnoc Park.

Owner, J. Bevill Fortescue, Esquire.

Acreage, about 220 acres.

Fence, stone wall, stone-faced bank, and iron fence.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 160.

Average weight of bucks, 80 lbs.

Average weight of does, 45 lbs.

These weights are "dressed," *i.e.*, minus head, skin, and entrails.

Well timbered ; ground undulating. Stream runs through the park.

### Tregothnan Park.

Owner, Lord Falmouth.

Acreage, about 150 acres.

Fence, iron rail and stone wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 100.

Situated on the banks of the tidal river "Fal."

### Carclew Park.

Owner, Colonel Arthur Tremayne.

Acreage, 150 acres.

Fence, partly wooden pales, and partly iron fence.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 100.

Average weight of bucks, 106 lbs.

Scotch firs over 200 years old, an oak wood grown up from coppice, and Spanish chestnuts ; open to the park.

### Penrice Park.

Owner, Sir Charles B. Graves Sawle, Bart.

Acreage, 50 acres.

Fence, wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 100.

Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.

Average weight of does, 80 lbs.

Partly surrounded by plantations, and adjoining the mansion house.

### Prideaux Place Park.

Owner, Charles Glynn Prideaux Brune, Esquire.

Acreage, about 18 acres.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, from a spring outside the paddock.

Number of fallow deer, about 24.



## CUMBERLAND.

### **Gowbarrow Park.**

Owner, H. C. Howard, Esquire.

Acreage, 700 acres.

Fence, wall on three sides, Ullswater Lake on the fourth side.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 40.

Number of red deer, 120.

Average weight of stags, 18 stone.

Trees, hazel, birch, &c.

Moor; soil rocky.

### **Muncaster Castle Park.**

Owner, Lord Muncaster.

Acreage, about 250 acres.

Fence, walled.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 180.

Number of red deer, about 40.

On the hillside are trees, and a stream runs through the park.

The park used to be much larger a hundred years ago.

The deer have been here from time immemorial.

**CROFTON PARK.**—Owner, Sir M. H. Brisco, Bart. *See Appendix.*

### Eden Hall Park.

Owner, Sir R. G. Musgrave, Bart.

Acreage, 131 acres.

Fence, three parts wall and one part wire.

Water supply, natural springs.

Number of fallow deer, 142.

Average weight of bucks, 100 to 120 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 to 60 lbs.

Cattle graze in summer.

Hares, rabbits, and pheasants.

Good old oak, beech trees, and chestnuts. About 20 acres of woods, with scattered hawthorns.

### Armathwaite Hall Park.

Owner, Thomas Hartley, Esquire.

Acreage, about 100 acres.

Fence, wall and iron rail.

Water supply, natural stream.

Number of fallow deer, about 60.

Average weight of bucks, 13 stone.

Average weight of does, 9 stone.

Near the foot of Bassenthwaite Lake.

### Greystoke Park.

Owner, H. C. Howard, Esquire.

Acreage, 90 acres.

Fence, wire and wall.

Water supply, natural springs, and the river Petteril runs through the park.

Number of fallow deer, 28.

Average weight of bucks, 12 stone.

Average weight of does, 7 stone.

The park is well sheltered on all sides with trees, and the pasture is rich and well watered.

HIGHMOOR PARK.—Owner, E. H. Banks, Esq. *See Appendix.*



## DERBYSHIRE.

### Chatsworth Park.

Owner, the Duke of Devonshire, K.G.

Acreage, 1200 acres.

Fence, stone walls principally.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 140.

Average weight of bucks, 98 lbs.

Average weight of does, 70 lbs.

Number of red deer, 61.

Average weight of stags, 238 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, 182 lbs.

Also 90 Canadian geese.

Chatsworth Park lies in an undulating valley, having high hills on the east and west; it is well timbered, and the river Derwent flows through its entire length from north to south.

Enclosed early in the 15th century.

### Hardwick Park.

Owner, the Duke of Devonshire, K.G.

Acreage, 700 acres.

Fence, partly continuous iron and wood paling.

Water supply, natural, and many ponds.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

Average weight of bucks, 84 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Number of red deer, 22.

Average weight of stags, 196 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, 154 lbs.

The park is nicely timbered, but many of the old oak trees are dying.

Intersected by valleys ; stands high. One oak, at four feet from the ground, measures 35 feet in girth.

### **Sudbury Park.**

Owner, Lord Vernon.

Acreage, 615 acres.

Fence, oak paling.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 70.

Average weight of bucks, 95 lbs.

Average weight of does, 65 lbs.

Shetland ponies, and a flock of St. Kilda sheep.

There is fine timber in the park.

Enclosed in the year 1614.

The kennels of the Meynell hounds adjoin Sudbury Park.

### **Kedleston Park.**

Owner, the Rev. Lord Scarsdale.

Acreage, deer park only, 520 acres.

Fence, oak palings.

Water supply, artificial lakes fed by natural stream.

Number of fallow deer, 300.

Average weight of bucks, 112 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs., *i.e.*, dead weight, carcass only.

The park contains a heronry and a rookery, and is remarkable for its splendid old oaks.

About 25 acres of water, with swans, Canada geese, and other wild-fowl.

Said to have been imparked in 1760.

### Bretby Park.

Owner, the Earl of Carnarvon.

Acreage, 450 acres.

Fence, wire and wood fencing.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 185.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 55 lbs.

The park is very well wooded, and is watered by six lakes running down the valley.

An ancient park.

### Calke Abbey.

Owner, Sir Vauncey Harpur Crewe, Bart.

Acreage, 327 acres.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 400.

Average weight of bucks, 110 lbs. Heaviest, 125 lbs.; lightest, 95 lbs.

Average weight of does, 68 lbs.

Number of red deer, 30.

Average weight of stags, 235 lbs. Heaviest, 280 lbs.; lightest, 190 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, 110 lbs.

Very large and old oak trees; also elms and maple.

Series of ornamental ponds.

The park is surrounded by grazing-lands, woods, and smaller coverts.

### Locko Park.

Owner, William Drury-Lowe, Esquire.

Acreage, about 300 acres.

Fence, principally oak upright palings.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 200.  
Average weight of bucks, 115 lbs.  
Average weight of does, 65 lbs.  
Fine Spanish chestnuts, oak, elm, and beech.  
Lake, 12 acres.  
Park beautifully undulating.

### **Sutton Scarsdale Park.**

Owner, William Arkwright, Esquire.  
Acreage, about 260 acres.  
Fence, stone wall.  
Water supply, artificial.  
Number of fallow deer, from 80 to 100, varying.  
Black sheep from the Faroe Islands.  
A fine avenue of elms and limes, and some fine old oaks scattered about.  
Imparked in the 17th century.

### **Alderwasley Park.**

Owner, Albert Frederic Hurt, Esquire.  
Acreage, 194 acres.  
Fence, stone wall and iron fencing.  
Water supply, natural.  
Number of fallow deer, 80 to 90.  
Average weight of bucks, 106 lbs.  
About 30 Faroe Island sheep, black.  
The park is well wooded with oak, sycamore, beech, birch, &c. Bracken and heather.  
Enclosed about the year 1715.

### **Drakelow Park.**

Owner, Sir Robert Gresley, Bart.  
Acreage, 175 acres.  
Fence, partly wall and partly oak paling.  
Water supply, natural.  
Number of fallow deer, 160.

Average weight of bucks, 84 lbs. None are fattened.

Besides the deer there is a herd of Galloway Scots.

The park is well wooded, as are the surroundings. The Trent flows on part of its western side.

### **Alfreton Park.**

Owner, Charles R. Palmer Morewood, Esquire.

Acreage, about 160 acres.

Fenced partly by iron, partly by hedgerows.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 50.

Sheep and pheasants.

The timber was planted about 150 years ago. The date of the park is the reign of Henry III. Some very well grown oaks with clean stems—some 40 feet to first branch ; several large Spanish chestnuts, one girthing 17 feet, at three feet from the ground.

The park slopes away from the house to the south and east, and commands fine views of the Derbyshire hills.

There are many very fine trees—sycamore, Scotch fir, serrated beech, and poplar.

### **Stanton-in-Peak Park.**

Owner, M. M. M'Creagh-Thornhill, Esquire.

Acreage, about 114 acres.

Fenced principally with stone walls.

Water supply, natural springs.

Number of Norwegian black deer, 70.

Average weight of bucks, 105 pounds.

Average weight of does, 85 lbs.

The park is situated on very high land in the peak district, and slopes away from the house to the south and west.

The pasture is good ; and it is well timbered.

The deer are all of the black variety of fallow deer, and the fawns are always black.

Enclosed in 1800.

**Ashgate House Park.**

Owner, Mrs. Edmund Barnes.

Acreage, 7 acres.

Fence, wall and iron.

Water supply, natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 12.



DEER FENCE, HARDWICK PARK.

## DEVONSHIRE.

### Werrington Park.

Owner, I. C. Williams, Esquire.

Acreage, about 600 acres.

Fence, wall and wire.

Water supply, a river running through the park.

Number of fallow deer, about 60.

The park abounds in rabbits.

Enclosed in the year 1631.

### Ugbrooke Park.

Owner, Lord Clifford of Chudleigh.

Acreage, 450 acres.

Fence, wall and iron.

Water supply, stream and lake.

Number of fallow deer, 280.

Average weight of bucks, 130 to 140 lbs.

Very hilly and undulating, a stream runs through the park.

Well timbered. Has been a park since 1670.

### Sidbury Manor Park.

Owner, Charles D. Cave, Esquire.

Acreage, 415 acres.

Fence, iron railing.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 200.

Average weight of bucks, 112 lbs.

Average weight of does, 80 lbs.

Undulating ground, with house and plantations in the middle of the park, through which a stream runs, opening out into two large ponds.

### **Mount Edgcumbe Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe.

Acreage, 403 acres.

Fence, partly wall, partly paling.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 200.

Average weight of bucks, 90 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs.

Two South African springboks have bred in the park, but have since died.

The park stands on a wooded hill, almost surrounded by the sea. There are no streams, merely a few springs.

Imparked in the reign of Henry VIII.

### **Stevenstone Park.**

Owner, the Hon. Mark Rolle.

Acreage, 350 acres.

Fence, iron and split oak.

Water supply, natural, and lakes.

Number of fallow deer, 400.

Trees, oak, beech, sweet chestnut, sycamore, &c.

### **Poltimore Park.**

Owner, Lord Poltimore.

Acreage, 280 acres.

Fence, iron hurdles, and paling.

Water supply, natural, a stream running through the park.

Number of fallow deer, 150, reduced from 300 eight years ago.



Average weight of bucks, about 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, about 50 lbs.

Besides the deer, there are some cattle in the park.

Mostly rich land, well timbered; a portion flat, the rest hilly; no fern.

### **Powderham Park.**

Owner, the Rev. the Earl of Devon.

Acreage, about 280 acres.

Fence, iron railing.

Water supply, natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, about 400.

Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

The trees are cedars, oaks and elms.

Adjoining, but separated by a road and railway from the estuary of the Exe. The deer park, in which is situated the Castle, lies between other park-like lands; the portion to the north hilly, with a fine belvedere tower in a commanding position; and the portion to the south, towards Starcross, flat and low.

### **Shobrooke Park.**

Owner, Sir John Shelley, Bart.

Acreage, 203 acres.

Fence, hedge and bank, with iron fence inside.

Water supply, artificial lake.

Number of fallow deer, about 170.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 68 lbs.

Swans, wild ducks, Egyptian geese, moor-fowl, &c.

The park is beautifully wooded; timber large; a fine avenue of horse-chestnuts and other trees. This park, from the undulating nature of the ground, is one of the prettiest parks in England.

### **Whiddon Park.**

Owner, Mrs. Baily Evans.

Acreage, 195 acres.

Fence, wall, averaging 10 feet high.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 40 or 50.

Average weight of bucks, 80 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Oak, birch, firs, and spruce.

Several springs, and river running through.

The park extends up a hill or mountain side, and is very rough and wild, with rocks standing out in places.

### **Newnham Park.**

Owner, Miss D. G. A. Strode.

Acreage, 174 acres.

Fence, three-fourths stone wall, remainder wire fence.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 100.

Average weight of bucks, 21 stone of 8 lbs.

Average weight of does, 14 stone of 8 lbs.

Birds, pheasants and partridges.

The river Tory runs through the centre of the park.

Fine old oak and ash trees.

### **Castle Hill Park.**

Owner, Earl Fortescue.

Acreage, 155 acres.

Fence, nearly half with iron fence railing, the rest with an earth bank, surmounted by a hedge, and faced with dry stones to about 6 feet in height—a very common Devonshire fence.

Water supply, a small and rapid stream, the Bray, runs through the park.

Number of fallow deer, about 130.

Average weight of bucks, about 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, about 45 lbs.

Wild red deer sometimes jump with ease into and out of the park.

Other animals, a small herd of Highland cattle and a small flock of black sheep.

There are many trees in the park—some rather large, but mostly past their prime—oak, beech, chestnut, and Scotch fir. There are also some plantations.

A wood of some 200 acres bounds the park on one side, and is often visited by wild red deer.

### Clovelly Park.

Owner, F. Hamlyn, Esquire.

Acreage, 150 acres.

Fence, wire, wood, and cliff. Some part of the cliff is 400 feet high.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 80.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

The trees are large in the valleys.

One side of the park is bounded by the cliff, which falls sheer down to the sea.

### Killerton Park.

Owner, Sir Thomas Dyke Acland, Bart.

Acreage, about 150 acres.

Fence, walls, banks, timber and iron railings. Remains of an old sunk fence in parts.

Water supply, ponds from river and from house-supply overflow.

Number of fallow deer, about 200 (used to be 300).

Other animals, Exmoor ponies and sheep.

Numbers of old oaks, cedars, ilex, beech, chestnut, elms and Luccombe oaks.

The hill is volcanic, rises about 150 feet as a cone by itself, and is 300 feet above the sea ; surroundings, red sandstone ; very fertile.

### **Bicton Park.**

Owner, the Hon. Mark Rolle.

Acreage, 120 acres.

Fence, iron fencing and split oak.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

A lake in the park.

Trees, oak, beech, sweet chestnut, sycamore, being the hard woods ; varieties of pines.

Imparked in Elizabeth's time.

### **Heanton Park.**

Owner, Lord Clinton.

Acreage, about 110 acres.

Fence, high banks with thorn hedges.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 100.

A very ancient park attached to the family residence, which was burnt down in 1793 and was not rebuilt.

The park stands high, with chiefly an eastern aspect, on undulating ground, and is well watered by brooks in the valleys.

A few very old oak trees still remain.

### **Shute Park.**

Owner, Sir William E. Pole, Bart.

Acreage, 101 acres and 2 perches.

Fence, high bank, planted on top.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 80.

A circle of limes on the top of the hill, called the Druids' Circle, can be seen for many miles around ; a fine view of the sea and the river Axe from this point. Many fine old oaks, one called King John's Oak.

The mansion is about three quarters of a mile from the deer-park. There is a very ancient gateway at the entrance to the mansion, and close by is an old beacon in good preservation.

### **Hartland Abbey Park.**

Owner, Sir George S. Stucley, Bart.

Acreage, about 55 acres.

Fence, iron railing and upright split oak fence.

Water supply, natural brook.

Number of fallow deer, 80.

Hilly ground and valleys.

Natural stream of water. Trees chiefly oak, beech, ash, elm, sycamore, and horse and Spanish chestnut.

### **Hall Park.**

Owner, C. Chichester, Esquire.

Acreage, 50 to 60 acres.

Fence, part iron rails, part wood, and ditch.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 80.

Average weight of bucks, 90 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Thickly studded with trees, of oak, elm, beech, chestnuts, and fancy clumps.

A stream of water runs right through the park.

The park lies on hilly ground.

**Blackford Park.**

Owner, Sir John Rogers, Bart.

Acreage, about 30 acres.

Fence, stone wall and wire fence.

Water supply, the river Yealm runs through it.

Number of fallow deer, about 40.

Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs.

Birds, wild duck in winter.

Imparked about 1830.



## DORSETSHIRE.

### Charborough Park.

Owner, Mrs. Ernle-Erle-Drax.

Acreage, about 800 acres.

Fence, wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 800.

Number of red deer, about 70.

Average weight of stags, over 20 stones clean.

Other animals or birds, Indian cows, and emus.

This is one of the finest parks in England, beautifully timbered, on continuously undulating ground; and from the Tower views into distant counties can be obtained; in the gardens is a grotto, nearly obscured, where the gentlemen of Dorset assembled on several occasions, planning the reception of William and Mary.

### Melbury Park.

Owner, the Earl of Ilchester.

Acreage, about 500 acres.

Fence, wire.

Water supply, natural, with several lakes and streams.

Number of fallow deer, over 200.

Number of red deer, about 60.

Other animals, about 80 Japanese deer.

Highland cattle and sheep.

A great deal of old timber.

### **Sherborne Park.**

Owner, J. K. D. Wingfield Digby, Esquire.

Acreage, 328 acres 2 roods and 39 perches.

Fence, wall and wooden paling.

Water supply, natural stream fed by adjacent hill and springs.

Number of fallow deer, about 500.

Average weight of bucks, about 110 lbs.

Average weight of does, about 58 lbs.

Beautifully wooded with fine old oak timber; hilly, and partly covered with fern.

Besides the actual deer park, there is a great extent of park-like ground, with finely disposed groups of timber contrasting with open tracts of ground. There is also a large lake.

### **Stock Gaylard Park.**

Owner, Mrs. Charlotte Yeatman.

Acreage, 78 acres 3 roods and 22 perches.

Fence, iron park fencing.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 70.

Average weight of bucks, 90 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

A very picturesque park, with fine old oak and elm trees in it.

### **Bryanston Park.**

Owner, Lord Portman.

Acreage, 50 acres.

Fence, iron.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 200.

Plenty of fine trees, and beautiful surroundings.



## DURHAM.

### **Raby Park.**

Owner, Lord Barnard.

Acreage, 1000 acres, park, woods, and plantations.

Fence, wall and iron fencing.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 300.

Number of red deer, 120.

Some very fine timber of many kinds.

### **Streatham Castle Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne.

Acreage, 406 acres.

Fence, iron, and stone wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 240.

Average weight of bucks, 9 stones.

Average weight of does,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  stones.

A large covered shed has recently been provided for winter shelter for the deer, and has proved of the very greatest advantage in keeping them in health and condition. A portion of their winter keep consists of ensilage, which they eat readily, and which appears to agree with them. In a hollow, on the edge of which the house is situated, there is some very picturesque rough ground.

### **Brancepeth Park.**

Owner, Viscount Boyne.

Acreage, 346 acres 2 roods and 3 perches.

Fence, palisading and continuous iron.

Water supply, natural.

A trout stream runs through the middle of the park.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

Average weight of bucks, 70 lbs.

Average weight of does, 40 lbs.

Well wooded and watered.

The surrounding scenery very interesting.

### Whitworth Park.

Owner, R. C. D. Shaftoe, Esquire.

Acreage, 90 acres.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, natural. A fish pond partly adjoins the River Wear.

Number of fallow deer, 60.

Various other animals and birds.

Trees, oak, beech, &c.



## ESSEX.

### Easton Park.

Owner, Lady Brooke.

Acreage, 700 acres.

Fence, part wire, part close paled.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 450.

Average weight of bucks, 18 stone of 8 lbs.

Average weight of does, 10 stone.

Number of red deer, 120.

Average weight of stags, 25 stone.

Average weight of hinds, 14 stone.

Other animals, a herd of fifty goats.

Well timbered and watered ; holds many fine oaks ; rather flat.

### Hatfield Forest Park.

Owner, G. B. Archer Houblon, Esquire.

Acreage, 500 acres.

Fence, wire.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 300.

Average weight of bucks, 104 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Number of red deer, 10.

Average weight of stags, one 20 stone ; none killed.

Heavy land—clay.

Trees, oak, ash, &c. ; oak very fine.

Flat, well-timbered ; some enclosed game-coverts in the park ; ponds ; rather wild. It was till recent times a forest.

## Thorndon Hall.

Owner, Lord Petre.

Acreage, North Park about 341 acres, South Park about 373 acres.

Fence, oak park fencing.

Water supply, natural and plentiful.

Number of fallow deer, about 50.

Number of red deer, about 40.

Pheasants and other game.

Timber very fine, park undulating, and scenery varied and picturesque.

Fine views are obtained from the house over the Thames, the Kent hills, &c.

A large herd of deer, about 1200 strong, was killed down some few years ago, after the destruction by fire of the mansion. A new herd of each kind is now being raised, and is at present confined to the North Park. The red deer have always been fine animals, and masters of hounds who had them for hunting purposes used to say that the Thorndon deer as a rule ran better before hounds than any others.

## Weald Park.

Owner, Christopher J. H. Tower, Esquire.

Acreage, 300 acres.

Fence, close pale, and strained wire fencing.

Water supply, two lakes and a small stream.

Number of fallow deer, 80.

Average weight of bucks, 14 stone of 8 lbs.

Number of red deer, 70.

Average weight of stags, 20 stone of 14 lbs.  
clean, but with head and skin as in Scotland.

Nine Japanese deer (*Cervus sika*), and two roe.

Very fine old oak and hornbeam timber; large amount of fern, 5 to 6 feet high in places.

### **Boreham Park.**

Owner, Colonel Tufnell-Tyrell.  
Acreage, 300 acres.  
Fence, quick fence and iron railings.  
Water supply, natural.  
Number of fallow deer, 120.  
Principal trees, oak, elm, and ash.

### **Belhus Park.**

Owner, Sir Thomas Barrett Lennard, Bart.  
Acreage, about 300 acres.  
Fence, wooden park palings.  
Water supply, natural.  
Number of fallow deer, about 100 now, formerly 300.  
Average weight of bucks, about 14 stone of 8 lbs.  
Average weight of does, 9 stone.  
Other animals, horses, cattle, and sheep.  
About seven acres of water and several small ponds; a great many trees, oak, elm, lime, beech, &c.  
This park has the ancient and now uncommon right of free warren.

### **Marks Hall Park.**

Owner, Mrs. Honywood.  
Acreage, 200 acres.  
Fence, close paled.  
Water supply, natural.  
Number of fallow deer, 200.  
There are fine oaks, thorns, limes, &c.

### **Wyvenhoe Park.**

Owner, H. J. Gurdon Rebow, Esquire.  
Acreage, 180 acres.  
Fence, pale fence 3 miles outside, iron fencing inside.

Water supply, natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, about 100, all black.

Average weight of bucks, 96 lbs. dead weight.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs. dead weight.

Fine old oaks between four and five hundred years old, limes, elms, and beeches. Eighty acres fern, four acres of ornamental water, and a brook intersect the park, forming the boundary between Greenstead and Wyvenhoe parishes.

### Langleys Park.

Owner, J. J. Tufnell, Esquire.

Acreage, 100 acres.

Fence, partly oak and partly iron.

Water supply, natural, the river Chelmer, and brook running into the river.

Number of fallow deer, 88.

Average weight of bucks, 13 stone.

Average weight of does, 8 stone.

Good timber, both in the park and in the park-like lands adjoining.

### Quendon Park.

Owner, Lieutenant-Colonel A. M. Cranmer-Byng.

Acreage, about 80 or 90 acres.

Fence, old style wood, and part wire.

Water supply, two ponds.

Number of fallow deer, about 100.

Some very fine oaks. Has been a deer park for about 200 years.



## GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

### **Badminton Park.**

Owner, His Grace the Duke of Beaufort, K.G.

Acreage, 986 acres.

Fence, stone wall and ha-ha.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 1300 (400 bucks and 900 does).

Average weight of bucks, dressed, 7 stone.

Number of red deer, 430 (100 stags and 330 hinds).

Average weight of stags, 22 stone; dressed, 16 stone.

Horses, cattle, and sheep.

Beautifully timbered, and an ancient park. A broad avenue, composed of fine groups of trees, runs up the centre of the park. Badminton House, and an entrance called Worcester Lodge, standing opposite each other at either end of it, and three miles apart.

The land is very good, and all the park is good feeding land; there is no fern in park. This park has a larger number of fallow deer, as well as a larger number of red deer, in it than in any other park in England.

### **Toddington Park.**

Owner, Lord Sudeley.

Acreage, about 500 acres.

Fence, iron hurdles.

Water supply, natural; river Isborne.

Number of fallow deer, 66.

Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.

Average weight of does, 55 lbs.

Number of red deer, 51.

Average weight of stags, 230 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, 115 lbs.

Finely timbered, oak and elm.

Lake in front of mansion, and the river Isborne flows through the park.

### Sherborne Lodge Park.

Owner, Lord Sherborne.

Acreage, about 380 acres (230 pasture).

Fence, walls.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

Average weight of bucks, 90 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 to 70 lbs.

A large number of rabbits.

Trees, chiefly beech, and a few elms and thorns.

A fine undulating park, with good shade and shelter, and fine pasture.

Surrounded by plantations and belt trees on all sides.

There was formerly an ornamental lake in the valley, about the centre of the park.

### Whitcliffe Park.

Owner, Lord Fitzhardinge.

Acreage, 320 acres.

Fence, brick wall about 10 feet high.

Water supply, the park forms the crown of a hill from which the natural drainage is collected in ponds.

Number of fallow deer, 500.

Average weight of bucks, 112 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Number of red deer, 12.

Average weight of stags, 200 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, 96 lbs.



Plentifully timbered with oak and whitethorn ; about one mile distant from Berkeley Castle and the river Severn.

First imparked in the reign of Henry III.

### **Oakley Park.**

Owner; the Earl of Bathurst.

Acreage, 287 acres and 11 perches.

Fence, stone wall, iron hurdles, and sunk fences topped by iron rails or hedges.

Water supply, surface drainage into artificial ponds.

Number of fallow deer, 350.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

The weight of the does varies very greatly.

The park is grazed in summer by sheep and bullocks. It is fairly timbered with elm, beech, sycamore, lime, and ash.

Imparked in the 17th century.

### **Dyrham Park.**

Owner, George William Blathwayt, Esquire.

Acreage, 245 acres.

Fence, stone walls.

Water supply, natural, and some ponds.

Number of fallow deer, 120.

Average weight of bucks, 102 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Well wooded. Fine Dutch avenues of old elms.

Hilly and undulating plains, very picturesque.

### **Alscot Park.**

Owner, James Roberts-West, Esquire.

Acreage, 200 acres.

Fence, rustic deer fence.

Water supply, the river Stour runs through the park.

Number of fallow deer, about 100.

Average weight of bucks, 160 lbs.

Average weight of does, about 150 lbs.

The trees are mostly elm.

Imparked in the 17th century.

### **Rendcomb Park.**

Owner, James Taylor, Esquire.

Acreage, about 200 acres.

Fence, high stone wall.

Water supply, lake fed by the river Churn.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

Cattle, rabbits, wild ducks, and rooks.

Magnificent timber; very old oaks; immense beeches and elms.

Most picturesque park, ground sloping to the lake; part of the park is covered with bracken, and is surrounded with several hundred acres of park-like land.

### **Colesbourne Park.**

Owner, H. J. Elwes, Esquire.

Acreage, about 150 acres.

Fence, iron fence and wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 100.

Average weight of bucks, 100 to 110 lbs., at five and six years old.

This park is on rising ground, interspersed with clumps of trees.

### **Cherington Park.**

Owners, the Misses George (co-heiresses of the late Rev. W. George).

Acreage, about 150 acres.

Fence, iron hurdles.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 126.

Average weight of bucks, 56 lbs.

Occasionally Scotch cattle feed.

Trees, principally walnut trees, some of great age.  
Elevated situation on the Cotswolds, about five hundred feet above the sea.

According to the old Gloucester histories, this small park was imparked in the year 1600.

### **Lydney Park.**

Owner, Charles Bathurst, Esquire.

Acreage, 124 acres.

Fence, stone walls and iron fencing.

Water supply, natural brooks.

Number of fallow deer, about 220.

Average weight of bucks, 95 lbs., dressed.

Average weight of does, 65 lbs., dressed.

Considered one of the most picturesque parks in England ; splendidly wooded, and well watered with natural brooklets running through the valleys.

There are the remains of an old Roman encampment.

### **Knole Park.**

Owner, Thomas William Chester Master, Esquire.

Acreage, 100 acres.

Fence, part wood, and part stone wall.

Water supply, natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 80.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 45 lbs.

Situated in a very picturesque part of West Gloucestershire, between the villages of Almondsbury and Over Park.

Well timbered with beech, oak, elm, horse and Spanish chestnut.

A fine avenue of horse chestnuts runs through the park.

### Witcombe Park.

Owner, W. F. Hicks-Beach, Esquire.

Acreage, about 100 acres.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, from 90 to 100.

Average weight of bucks, 80 to 100 lbs.

Timber, chiefly oak.

Imparked in the 16th century.

### Williamstrip Park.

Owner, Right Hon. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P.

Acreage, about 90 acres.

Fence, partly iron, partly stone wall, and sunk fence.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 130.

Average weight of bucks, 105 lbs.

Average weight of does, 65 lbs.

Sometimes also cattle and sheep.

Fine elm and other trees.

### Old Sneed Park.

Owner, Francis Tagart, Esquire.

Acreage, about 90 acres; 12 acres only given up to deer.

Fence, wire fencing 10 feet high.

Number of fallow deer, 42.

Average weight of bucks, 112 lbs.

Number of red deer, 8.

Average weight of stags, 280 lbs.

Well timbered; natural spring.

### **Flaxley Park.**

Owner, Sir Thomas Hyde Crawley-Boevey, Bart.

Acreage, about 67 acres.

Fence, six feet iron bar.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, at the present time only 25.

Average weight of bucks, 80 lbs.

Average weight of does, 40 lbs.

The situation of the park is high, and commands an extensive and beautiful view of the river Severn, the Severn valley, and the Cotswold hills.

There are a considerable number of trees, chiefly elm, ash and yew.

### **Brockhampton Park.**

Owner, Lewis F. J. Colquitt Craven, Esquire.

Acreage, 63 acres.

Fence, a high stone wall.

Water supply, a pond supplied by natural spring.

Number of fallow deer, about 40.

Average weight of bucks, 85 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs.

There is an avenue of trees in the lower part of the park, and a few fine oaks at the top. The park is on very high ground, and much exposed to the north winds. This is a very old park. Many of the deer are white; and some have bald faces. There is one pied like a badger.

### **Fretherne Park.**

Owner, Sir Lionel Darell, Bart.

Acreage, 60 acres.

Fence, iron railing.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 130.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs.

Close to the river Severn, which is tidal here, and makes a bend round a promontory, on the neck of which stands the park.

### **Fairford Park.**

Owner, Percy F. R. Barker, Esquire.

Acreage, 55 acres.

Fence, stone wall, built dry.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 90.

Average weight of bucks, 110 lbs.

### **Cowley Park.**

Owner, Baring Bingham, Esquire.

Acreage, 53 acres.

Fence, iron.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 4.

Number of red deer, 40.

Beautifully timbered: near the source of the Thames:  
Cotswold hills.



## HAMPSHIRE.

### Hackwood Park.

Owner, Lord Bolton.

Acreage, 750 acres.

Fence, chiefly oak pales.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 48 lbs.

This park is chiefly situated on a dry chalk soil, always pleasant for walking, riding or driving. Its beauty consists in its wide-spreading lawns of smooth evergreen turf, edged with clumps of trees of rare beauty and size. Some of the beech trees cannot be surpassed.

The grant for enclosing the park is dated 25 Car. II.

Hackwood became the home of the Pauletts after the destruction by Cromwell of their historic house at Old Basing, "Liberty House," about two miles from Hackwood.

### Hurstbourne Park.

Owner, the Earl of Portsmouth.

Acreage, 600 acres.

Fence, wall and paling; two entrance lodges.

Water supply, artificial and ponds.

Number of fallow deer, 700.

Besides the deer are pheasants and partridges, hares and rabbits.

Heavily timbered with oak, beech, elm and ash, as well as

a great number of young trees, planted by the present earl. A large quantity of bracken grows on one part of the park.

The river Test, well stocked with trout, runs near the park, and the scenery over the water-meadows is very beautiful. The river Bourne also flows through the estate, which empties itself into the Test.

Excellent for trout-fishing and wild-fowl shooting.

### Hursley Park.

Owner, J. W. Baxendale, Esquire.

Acreage, 450 acres.

Fence, oak pale.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 100, but are increasing. It is intended to keep about 200. There are a few Japanese deer, which will be allowed to increase to about 100.

The park is very well timbered with old oak, thorn, ash, beech, and some very old yews.

There is a deer-leap here (see Shirley, p. 85).

### Grange Park, Botley.

Owners, Thomas and William Foord, Esquires.

Acreage, about 35 acres.

Fence, wire.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 90.

Number of red deer, 5 ; also 2 Formosan deer.

The herd was only started in April 1889, and none have been killed.





## HEREFORDSHIRE.

### **Eastnor Park.**

Owner, Lady Henry Somerset.

Acreage, 800 acres.

Fence, partly stone wall, partly continuous iron fencing.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 300.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 to 70 lbs.

Number of red deer, 60.

Bounded by a fine lake, and most beautifully wooded ; part of Malvern Chase, south side of Herefordshire Beacon. The park runs up to the summit of the hill on the side of which it is situated.

Enclosed about 1820.

The castle rises from the edge of the lake, and is surrounded by beautiful grounds separated by a road from the deer park.

### **Brampton Bryan Park.**

Owner, Robert William Dacre Harley, Esquire.

Acreage, 489 acres.

Fence, ornamental iron, wall, and paling.

Water supply, from efficient springs, into natural and artificial ponds.

Number of fallow deer, 250.

Average weight of bucks, 90 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs.

The park is beautifully studded with fine oak, elm, larch, lime, and other timber trees.

In the centre is a pretty shooting-box in the Tudor style. From an eminence on the west, panoramic views of the surrounding country may be seen, embracing Herefordshire, Radnorshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire.

Dates from the 15th century.

### **Shobdon Park.**

Owner, Lord Bateman.

Acreage, between 450 and 500 acres.

Fence, wall, iron, and paling.

Water supply, large natural lakes.

Number of fallow deer, about 350.

Very fine oaks and other timber, with clumps forming an avenue of Scotch fir, &c.

### **Wyastone Leys Park.**

Owner, J. Murray Bannerman, Esquire.

Acreage, 320 acres.

Fence, iron, wire rail, and stone walls.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, at present only 25, generally 120 or more; but of late years, through accident, &c., they have been gradually diminishing.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

The park is Little Doward Hill, with the river Wye at foot, in the midst of lovely scenery.

### **Moccas Park.**

Owner, the Rev. Sir George H. Cornwall, Bart.

Acreage, 300 acres.

Fence, partly wall, partly oak paling.

Water supply, natural, large pond.

Number of fallow deer, 180.

Remarkable oak trees, some 18 feet in girth and 100 feet high; some very ancient—one figured in "Strutt," 36 feet in girth—still exist.

Extends along the bottom, up the steep and finely timbered side, and on to the bare summit of a ridge several hundred feet high.

### Holme Lacy Park.

Owner, the Earl of Chesterfield.

Acreage, 285 acres.

Fence, oak.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 120.

Average weight of bucks, 90 lbs.

Average weight of does, 40 lbs.

Fine oak, and timber of all sorts.

Undulating ground, with fern growing to a great height.

An ancient park.

### Kentchurch Park.

Owner, E. Scudamore Lucas, Esquire.

Acreage, 244 acres.

Fence, split oak palings.

Water supply, natural, three streams running through it.

Number of fallow deer, 150.

Average weight of bucks, 90 to 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 to 60 lbs.

Some very fine old trees in the park, especially an oak, a yew, and a Scotch fir; very hilly. The park has been in possession of one family for at least four centuries. Mistletoe grows on the old thorns in profusion. Ravens bred in a fringe of Scotch firs until ten years ago.

Enclosed before the reign of Henry VIII.

### **Stoke Edith Park.**

Owner, the Right Hon. Lady Emily Foley.

Acreage, 220 acres.

Fence, half-a-mile of stone wall and the rest oak paling.

Water supply, natural, two pools and a small stream.

Number of fallow deer, 230.

Average weight of bucks, 86 lbs. dressed.

Average weight of does, 56 lbs. dressed.

There are many single fine oaks, and several avenues, especially one of grand old limes; also an avenue of beech, having four rows on either side of it, and an avenue of Spanish chestnuts.

The soil is clay on a limestone substratum, and the grass grown on it is very good for deer. There is a large stone park-keeper's cottage in the park. The ground rises up a hill, and there are many fine views.

This park was enclosed on January 24, 1688, by a licence from James II.

### **Haye Park.**

Owner, Alfred Salwey, Esquire.

Acreage, 200 acres.

Fence, wood paling.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 30.

Old timber. The park stands in a wood of 900 acres. It is very hilly and picturesque, and lies close under Vinnall Hill. In the large tracts of open woodland around, wild fallow deer, said to have escaped originally from Haye Park, are to be found: nine were shot in one day during the winter of 1891-92.

### **Garnstone Park.**

Owner, D. Henry T. Peploe, Esquire.

Acreage, 150 acres.

Fence, iron.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 170.

Chiefly oak, but there is a fine grove of cedars, and several good specimens of Wellingtonia.

Enclosed about 1800.

### **Hampton Park.**

Owner, John H. Arkwright, Esquire.

Acreage, 140 acres.

Fence, stone wall and oak paling.

Water supply, Humberbrook running down one entire side.

Number of fallow deer, 170 (100 does and 70 bucks).

Six Cashmere goats, cattle, horses, and rabbits.

Hilly—highest point about 400 feet above the sea-level. A brook on one side and turnpike road on the other, tillage-farm beyond.

Old pollard oaks, yews, wych elm, larch, horse-chestnut, elm, birch, maple, hawthorn, cherry, sycamore, beech, spruce, Scotch fir and ash.

Enclosed in the thirteenth year of Henry VI. by Sir Rowland Lentall, Knt.

### **Staunton Park.**

Owner, Joseph Charlton Parr, Esquire.

Acreage, 60 acres.

Fence, wooden paling.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 100.

Very fine oaks of great age and size.

### **Ledbury Park.**

Owner, M. Biddulph, Esquire.

Acreage, about 60 acres.

Fence, stone wall and sunk fence.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 120.

A beautiful park for its size. Two sides of the house are in the street of Ledbury.

There are some very old elm trees of great height and size. Part of the park is on a hill-side covered with beautiful trees.

### **Titley Court Park.**

Owner, Edward Howorth Greenly, Esquire.

Acreage, 55 acres.

Fence, part iron, part wood.

Water supply, natural, brook, and unfailing.

Number of fallow deer, average 60.

Average weight of bucks, 112 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs.

Well timbered.



## HERTFORDSHIRE.

### **Cassiobury Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Essex.

Acreage, 1028 acres and 38 perches.

Fence, wooden park fencing.

Water supply, natural, the river Gade.

Number of fallow deer, about 150.

Average weight of bucks, 14 stone of 8 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

The park is splendidly timbered. Fine avenue of limes, oak and cedar. The river Gade intersects the park. Undulating and exceedingly picturesque.

### **Hatfield Park.**

Owner, the Marquis of Salisbury, K.G.

Acreage, 530 acres.

Fence, wire.

Water supply, both natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

Average weight of bucks, 17 stone of 8 lbs.

Average weight of does, 8 stone.

This park is fairly wooded, with avenues, and game coverts.

### **Moor Park.**

Owner, Lord Ebury.

Acreage, 500 acres.

Fence, park paling.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 225.

Average weight of bucks, 15 stone of 8 lbs.

Average weight of does, 7 stone.

Heavily timbered; a large quantity of very old oaks.

Imparked in the reign of Charles II.

A considerable difference of elevation between the higher and lower portions of the park.

### **Woodhall Park.**

Owner, Abel Smith, Esquire, M.P.

Acreage, 447 acres.

Fence, brick wall.

Water supply, natural, river Beane, trout stream.

Number of fallow deer, 300.

Average weight of bucks, 125 to 130 lbs., dead weight.

Average weight of does, 70 lbs.

Birds, swans and wild ducks.

Fine elm, ash, beech, cedar, oak, fir, walnut, chestnut, lime, and hornbeam.

### **Knebworth Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Lytton.

Acreage, 400 acres.

Fence, oak paling.

Water supply, artificial and natural.

Number of fallow deer, 150.

Average weight of bucks, 80 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs.

Well timbered and undulating.



### Tring Park.

Owner, Lord Rothschild.

Acreage, 350 acres.

Fence, one half stone wall, the rest paling.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 60.

Other animals or birds, 25 kangaroos, 14 emus, 8 rheas, 70 wild geese of nine different species.

The park stands high and undulating; surrounded by woods, chiefly beech.

### Gorhambury Park.

Owner, the Earl of Verulam.

Acreage, about 300 acres.

Fence, oak slabs.

Water supply, pond called Brickhill Spring.

Number of fallow deer, 5 only remain.

Other animals, sheep and bullocks.

Oak and beech trees, and a young plantation of cypress.

### Grove Park.

Owner, the Earl of Clarendon.

Acreage, about 250 acres.

Fence, oak paling and iron fencing.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 100.

Average weight of bucks, 11 to 12 stone, clean.

Average weight of does, 7 to 8 stone, clean.

Undulating ground, well timbered; the trees are oak, ash, elm, walnut, beech, chestnut, thorn, lime, and conifers of various kinds.

**Rickmansworth Park.**

Owner, John William Birch, Esquire.

Acreage, 200 acres.

Fence, oak paling.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 52.

Average weight of bucks, 17 stone of 8 lbs., dead weight.

Average weight of does, 7 stone.

Pond water, about one acre.

Some fine old trees.



## HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

### Waresley Park.

Owner, Walter H. O. Duncombe, Esquire.

Acreage, about 154 acres.

Fence, oak and iron.

Water supply, natural, two ponds.

Number of fallow deer, 115.

Average weight of bucks at 7 years old, 130 lbs., dead weight.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Other animals, pedigree cattle.



## KENT.

### Eastwell Park.

Owner, the Earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham.

Acreage, about 1460 acres.

Fence, brick wall, continuous flat iron fencing 6 feet high, and oak palings.

Water supply, a small stream, widened artificially into a large lake.

Number of fallow deer, 1000.

Average weight of bucks, paddock fed, 120 lbs. ; park fed, 90 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Number of red deer, used to be about 400; these are now extinct, but it is proposed to introduce others.

The principal trees are yew, beech, oak, Spanish chestnut, ash, elm, hornbeam, and thorn.

Imparked by Sir Thomas Finch in the reign of Queen Elizabeth.

### Knole Park.

Owner, Lord Sackville.

Acreage, 1000 acres.

Fence, partly stone and partly oak pales.

Water supply, natural,

Number of fallow deer, 670.

Average weight of bucks, 65 lbs. to 95 lbs.

Average weight of does, 40 lbs. to 50 lbs.

Number of red deer, 60.

Average weight of stags, 160 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, 110 lbs.

Great variety of hill and dale, with high level land thickly studded with fine beech trees, oak, ash, &c.

Subsoil sand, gravel, and lower strata rock. Very little water; barely sufficient in dry seasons.

Imparked in the 15th century.

### **Lullingstone Park.**

Owner, Sir W. Hart Dyke, Bart., M.P.

Acreage, 720 acres.

Fence, wood and some iron.

Water supply, river Darent.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

Other animals, stock and sheep.

There are some fine old pollard oaks, the largest 36 feet in girth. The park is very hilly and well wooded—elm, birch, ash, and whitethorn.

Imparked in the 15th century.

### **Cobham Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Darnley.

Acreage, 700 acres.

Fence, flat iron and wire.

Water supply, small ponds.

Number of fallow deer, about 600.

Average weight of bucks, 130 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 to 55 lbs.

The weight of deer is given entire, not clean.

There is a heronry in the park.

The trees are oak, ash, hornbeam, maple, chestnut, &c.; the ash is particularly fine. The ground is undulating, with much bracken.

Imparked in the 15th century.

### **Mote Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Romney.

Acreage, about 600 acres.

Fence, wall and paling.  
Water supply, lake, and many springs.  
Number of fallow deer, under 100.  
Other animals or birds, geese, ducks, and one rhea.  
A variety of trees of good size.

### **Godmersham Park.**

Owner, John Cunliffe Kay, Esquire.  
Acreage, 600 acres.  
Fence, oak paling.  
Water supply, the river Stour runs through the park.  
Number of fallow deer, about 350.  
The surroundings are thirteen hundred acres of wood and four thousand acres of arable and pasture land.  
The timber in the park is of large growth, and old.  
The fallow deer are all dark coloured, nearly black. Good trout fishing in the river Stour.  
Imparked in 1742-43.

### **Waldershare Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Guilford.  
Acreage, 450 acres.  
Fence, iron deer fencing.  
Water supply, artificial.  
Number of fallow deer reduced to 40; there used to be about 500.  
No red deer now, but formerly about 200.  
Very fine chestnuts, beeches, and oak trees.  
A wilderness of 50 acres is not included in park.  
Imparked in the reign of Queen Anne.

### **Mersham Hatch Park.**

Owner, Sir Wyndham Knatchbull, Bart.  
Acreage, 404 acres.  
Fence, oak palings.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer varies between 150-300.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs.

Other animals and birds, rabbits, pheasants, partridges, and wild ducks.

About fifty acres of very old pollard hornbeams, and some fine specimens of Weymouth pine.

Enclosed by a grant from James I. in 1618.

### **Surrenden-Dering Park.**

Owner, Sir Edward Cholmeley Dering, Bart.

Acreage, 374 acres.

Fence, half wall, half oak paling.

Water supply, both natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 186.

Average weight of bucks at six years, 114 lbs.

Well timbered, and an ancient park.

### **Chilham Park.**

Owner, C. S. Hardy, Esquire.

Acreage, between 300 and 400 acres.

Fence, oak paling.

Water supply, chiefly artificial.

Number of fallow deer, about 100.

Other animals and birds, a great many rabbits and herons

Imparked in the year 1616.

The park is on a slope south-west from the Castle, thickly timbered with oak, ash, beech, chestnut, &c., and largely covered with bracken, overlooking the river Stour.

### **Hall Place Park.**

Owner, Samuel Hope Morley, Esquire.

Acreage, 270 acres.

Fence, stone and brick walls, wooden palings and iron wire fence.

Water supply, natural—small stream.

Number of fallow deer, 95 to 100.

Average weight of bucks, 11 stone.

Average weight of does, 9 stone (10 in summer).

### **Greenwich Park.**

Owner, Her Majesty the Queen.

Acreage, 185 acres 24 perches.

Fence, iron railings and brick wall.

Water supply, artificial and natural.

Number of fallow deer, 31.

Average weight of bucks, 14 or 15 stone.

Average weight of does, about 9 stone.

A few swans.

One of the prettiest parks near London for its size, being very undulating and thickly wooded, and commanding a fine view of the Thames.

The park wall of brick was built in the time of James I.

At the far end of the park, adjoining Blackheath, a strip fenced off from the main part of the park is used as a sanctuary for the deer on Sundays and holidays, when the park is crowded with visitors from London. The old trees, many of which are Spanish chestnuts, are chiefly planted in avenues, for which the park is remarkable.

### **Mereworth Park.**

Owner, Viscount Falmouth.

Acreage of the deer park only, about 100 acres.

Fence, wooden paling.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 110.

The ground is undulating, and well wooded with timber trees.

This park was re-stocked about the year 1858.



### **Boughton Park.**

Owner, George Carr Rider, Esquire.

Acreage, 75 acres.

Fence, partly wire, partly picket.

Water supply, natural, and unfailing from a piece of water and ponds.

Number of fallow deer, 75.

Average weight of bucks, 140 lbs.

Average weight of does, 120 lbs.

Beautifully wooded and very picturesque, with a lovely view over the Weald of Kent. Old Tudor manor house on high ground overlooking it. The whole for its size remarkable for beauty.

### **East Lutton Park.**

Owner, Sir Robert Marcus Filmer, Bart.

Acreage, 70 acres.

Fence, partly wall and partly iron.

Number of fallow deer, about 100.

Average weight of bucks, 9 stone.

Average weight of does, about 6 stone.



## LANCASHIRE.

### Knowsley Park.

Owner, the Earl of Derby, K.G.

Acreage, 2600 acres within the walls, but not all suitable for deer; 450 acres open to deer.

Fence, walled.

Water supply, two lakes and several springs.

Number of fallow deer, 190.

Average weight of bucks, 130 lbs.

Average weight of does, 95 lbs.

Number of red deer, 230.

Average weight of stags, 330 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, 150 lbs.

The park is well wooded, and wild. It was enclosed by Sir Thomas de Lathom, by licence granted by Edward III. in the year 1348.

### Trafford Park.

Owner, Sir Humphrey F. de Trafford.

Acreage, 600 acres, and 400 acres wood.

Fence, iron fencing, 6 feet high.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 100.

Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.

Does not killed.

Highland cattle.

Well wooded—some very fine oaks; but the trees are suffering from smoke, as it is very near Manchester.

This park is a very ancient one.

### **Lathom Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Lathom.

Acreage, 250 acres.

Fence, wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 70.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

The park is well wooded.

### **Holker Park.**

Owner, the Duke of Devonshire, K.G.

Acreage, about 200 acres.

Fence, chiefly stone wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 180.

Average weight of bucks, 90 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

The finest buck weighed was 112 lbs. dead weight, without head and neck.

The does have never been weighed; no fresh blood has been introduced within the memory of any one living.

The timber is fine, considering it is so near the sea.

### **Bardsea Park.**

Owner, H. R. H. Gale, Esquire.

Acreage, 169 acres.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 11.

This park is in a fine district, and was enclosed about the year 1700 by Mr. Wilson, an ancestor of the present owner.

The park is near the sea.

There are a good many fine timber trees.

Parts of the park are high and rocky, and on the highest part there is a monument, built about 1814.

### Wrightington Park.

Owner, Charles Clifton Dicconson, Esquire.

Acreage, 146 acres.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, natural—impounded in a dam of 20 acres.

Number of fallow deer, 28.

Three emus.

The park is undulating, with a large lake.

The timber, chiefly beech, of fine size.

There are some good trees near the house, which is no great distance from the sea.

### Ashton Park.

Owner, James Williamson, Esquire, M.P.

Acreage, 130 acres.

Fence, walled on the east, west and north, fenced on the south by iron railing from the pleasure grounds.

Water supply, brought in drain pipes to troughs of brick and cement.

Number of fallow deer, 100 (about 60 does and 40 bucks).

Average weight of bucks, 94 lbs. dressed.

Average weight of does, 65 lbs. dressed.

Hérons.

A black buck was introduced some years ago; the cross gave increase of size, but as the black deer multiplied rapidly, and the original character of the herd was in danger of being lost, the herd is now undergoing a process of selection with the object of restoring the original colour throughout. It will be curious to see how long reversion to the black will be repeated after extermination of the black bucks and does.

The park is on a hill sloping to the east (inland) and west, towards the tidal water of the Lune, near the mouth of the river and the Irish sea; exposed to gales from the sea. Plantations in the park are arranged and shaped for

the shelter of the deer from the various winds. Hollows also in the park admitting of shelter.

Imparked in the eleventh year of Edward III.

### **Garswood Park.**

Owner, Lord Gerard.

A small paddock.

A few fallow deer are kept for hunting purposes.



## LEICESTERSHIRE.

### Stapleford Park.

Owner, James Hornsby, Esquire.

Acreage, 919 acres.

Fence, oak posts and pales.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 50.

Average weight of bucks,  $10\frac{1}{2}$  stone.

Average weight of does, 7 stone.

There are also herons and wild duck.

Good oaks.

The river Eye, Saxby brook and Whisandine brook run through the park.

### Gopsall Park.

Owner, Earl Howe.

Acreage, 600 acres.

Fence, part oak pales, part Hill & Smith's flat bar fence.

Water supply, natural and good. Three small lakes.

Number of fallow deer, about 500.

Average weight of bucks, 112 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Number of red deer, about 100.

Average weight of stags, 280 to 320 lbs.

Scotch cattle and sheep.

Well timbered with oak of good size and other hardwood trees. There are several avenues lately planted—one all lime trees, one all Paul's double crimson thorns, two others of mixed trees and thorns. There have been 400

to 500 Paul's double crimson thorns, also double white, and a few pink planted during the past five years; and a few ornamental trees. There are also some very fine cedars in the park and garden; those in the latter are said to be as fine as any in England.

### **Bradgate Park.**

Owner, the Countess of Stamford and Warrington.

Acreage, high park, 446 acres; low park, 291 acres: total, 737 acres. Deer in both.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 130.

Number of red deer, 50.

A large number of rabbits and herons.

Forty polled Galloway cattle.

Fine old oaks; small river; Cropstone reservoir 170 acres; very hilly, with granite rocks; fine scenery.

### **Garendon Park.**

Owner, Everard M. Phillips de Lisle, Esquire.

Acreage, 416 acres.

Fence, part iron, part old wooden pales, and part stone wall.

Water supply, natural, stream, and two pieces of water.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Number of red deer, 3.

There are rooks and wild ducks.

The timber is very fine, especially the Scotch firs, elms, and fine old limes.

### **Croxton Park.**

Owner, the Duke of Rutland, K.G.

Acreage, deer park, 329 acres; rest of park, 185 acres: total, 514 acres. In the latter part of the park the deer are only turned in occasionally.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, natural, ponds and three small lakes.

Number of fallow deer, 320.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs. dressed.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs. dressed.

Fine old trees, chiefly oaks; but some grand beeches.

The park stands high.

Nicholl's "History of Leicestershire" contains a good account of this park.

### **Castle-Donington Park.**

Owner, Lord Donington.

Acreage, 360 acres.

Fence, walls and paling.

Water supply, both natural and artificial. Bordered by the Trent.

Number of fallow deer, 385.

Average weight of bucks, 90 to 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 to 70 lbs.

Number of red deer, 38.

Magnificent old oaks; was formerly a royal park. Ground undulating. The largest, or nearly the largest, oak in England stands in this park. Chaucer's Oak, twelve feet from the ground, has a girth of 44 feet 2 in. There is one even larger in girth, but not so fine generally.

### **Bosworth Park.**

Owner, Charles Tollemache Scott, Esquire.

Acreage, 330 acres.

Fence, cleft oak pales.



Water supply, natural, with many pieces of water.  
Number of fallow deer, 260.  
Average weight of bucks, 115 lbs.  
Average weight of does, 95 lbs.  
Number of red deer, 10, all young—only beginning.  
The park used to contain many more fine oaks.  
High situation.

### **Staunton Harold Park.**

Owner, the Earl Ferrers.  
Acreage, 150 acres.  
Fence, partly stone wall, partly oak paling.  
Water supply, natural.  
Number of fallow deer, 100.  
Average weight of bucks, 95 lbs.  
Average weight of does, 55 lbs.  
Number of red deer, 10.  
A new herd; none have been killed at present.  
Chiefly single oaks, and a few clumps of beeches.



## LINCOLNSHIRE.

### **Brocklesby Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Yarborough.

Acreage, 1000 acres.

Fence, wooden palings, sunk fence, and iron railings.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 350.

Average weight of bucks, under 8 stone.

Average weight of does, under 5 stone.

### **Belton Park.**

Owner, Earl Brownlow.

Acreage, 800 acres.

Fence, a wall.

Water supply, natural. Three fish-ponds.

Number of fallow deer, 300.

Average weight of bucks, 8 stone.

Swans, geese, ducks, &c.

Besides the woods, there are two fine avenues pointing from north to south and from east to west.

### **Grimsthorpe Park.**

Owner, Lord Willoughby d'Eresby.

Acreage, 800 acres of deer park.

Fence, wood pales.

Water supply, a stream.

Number of fallow deer, about 400.

Average weight of bucks, 85 lbs.

Number of red deer, about 46.

The park lies to the south-west of the house, is undulating ; the middle rather bare of trees, with poor pasture.

There are in some parts many good oaks and hornbeams, and some very fine old hawthorns.

The main line of the Great Northern Railway runs near the south and west boundary.

### Haverholme Priory Park.

Owner, the Earl of Winchilsea and Nottingham.

Acreage, about 400 acres.

Fence, iron fencing and oak paling.

Water supply, the river.

Number of fallow deer, 250.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Principal trees, oak, elm, thorn, horse-chestnut, and ash.

The park contains a willow tree (*Salix alba*) supposed to be the largest in the world, measuring 26 feet in girth, five feet from the ground.

Enclosed about 1765.

### Normanby Park.

Owner, Sir Berkley Digby George Sheffield, Bart.

Acreage, 320 acres within the walls, and 270 acres open to the deer.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, natural spring rises in the park, and forms a pond about one acre and a quarter in extent.

Number of fallow deer, about 120.

Average weight of bucks, about 80 lbs.

Also a few horses and cattle.

A portion of the park is used as a rabbit warren.

Trees of various species, sizes, and ages. The family

seat, Normanby Hall, shrubberies and pleasure grounds, occupying about fifty acres, stand within the park walls, and are separated by a sunken wall fence. About sixty acres are covered with bracken or coarse fern, and rabbit burrows. Small patches of bracken grow in various places in the park, making it look very picturesque. The soil is sand and red loam. The venison, though small, has always been considered as well flavoured as any in England.

Enclosed about 1800.

### **Scrivelsby Park.**

Owner, Francis Scaman Dymoke, Esquire.

Acreage, about 300 acres.

Fence, iron.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 60.

The park is well wooded ; old oak, beech, and chestnut.

### **Irnham Park.**

Owner, Mrs. Isabel Hervey Wolrige-Gordon.

Acreage, 223 acres.

Fence, wood.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 70.

Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.

Average weight of does, 75 lbs.

The park slopes to the south-west of the house ; is nicely wooded with trees in clumps, and some fine single specimens of elm.

There are also some belts of plantations ; on one side the fence is backed with a hedge.

## MIDDLESEX.

### **Bushy Park.**

Owner, Her Majesty the Queen.

Acreage, 994 acres.

Fence, wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 950 to 1000.

Average weight of bucks, 15 stone of 8 lbs.

Average weight of does, 6 stone.

Number of red deer, 15.

The stags are not killed, but exchanged for fallow deer.

There is a fine avenue of old chestnut trees a mile in length, leading to Hampton Court, and causing much attraction when in blossom. The rest of the park is rather open. There are two or three ponds or lakes. The park is very flat. Much timber in the neighbourhood. Only divided by a road from Hampton Court, lately disparked. There are some deer here of a lavender or bluish colour.

### **Grovelands Park.**

Owner, Major R. K. Taylor.

Acreage, 150 acres, of which about 40 acres are shut up for hay.

Fence, open wooden fence, pales 6 ft. high, and hurdles.

Water supply, artificial, 8 acres of water, and three or four smaller ponds.

Number of fallow deer, about 100 now; some few years since about 400, but lately reduced.

Average weight of bucks, 9 stone.

Average weight of does, 5 stone.

Heaviest buck, 13 stone of 8 lbs. These weights are when skinned and cleaned.

Other animals, 25 bullocks, cows, and 130 sheep.

Well timbered, principally large oaks; park land; no underwood or fern. The woods all fenced.

### Pine House Paddock.

Owner, Mrs. Tyler.

Acreage, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  an acre.

Fence, iron railings, mostly.

Water supply, the New River.

Number of fallow deer, 3 (1 buck and 2 does).

Two fawns were dropped last year, but both died. A doe died a short time since aged 25 years. The Great Northern Railway Company has lately enlarged the station at Tottenham, and so taken a portion of this park.



## MONMOUTHSHIRE.

### Tredegar Park.

Owner, Lord Tredegar.

Acreage, 350 acres.

Fence, wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 600.

Mountain sheep and cattle.

The river Ebbw runs through it.

A very perfect British encampment, with three fosses on one side of it.

A charter of free warren was granted in 1615.

### St. Pierre Park.

Owner, Charles Edward Lewis, Esquire.

Acreage, 150 acres.

Fence, partly wall, partly iron.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 250.

Average weight of bucks, 95 to 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 40 to 50 lbs.

Wild ducks, swans, coots, and sheldrakes.

Yews, Spanish chestnuts, elms, hickory, and a variety of oaks.

An ancient park, probably of the 16th century.

### Pontypool Park.

Owner, J. C. Hanbury, Esquire.

Acreage, 90 acres.

Fence, wall and wire railing.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 90.

Average weight of bucks, 90 lbs.

Average weight of does, 40 lbs.

Trees, oak, chestnut and beech.

Very hilly, picturesque ground.

Enclosed during the 17th century.





## NORFOLK.

### **Gunton Park.**

Owner, Lord Suffield.

Acreage, about 850 acres.

Fence, deer proof iron fence.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 85.

The park is divided into six by iron fencing, all of which are well wooded with ornamental trees. There are six entrance lodges. The hall stands in about the centre of the park, commanding very picturesque views of the surrounding woods and scenery.

### **Holkham Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Leicester, K.G.

Acreage, 790 acres.

Fence, strained wire.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 400.

Average weight of bucks, 140 lbs.

Average weight of does, 70 lbs.

Game of all kinds, including wild turkeys. There is a fine lake in the park, covered in winter with many kinds of wild-fowl.

### **Blickling Park.**

Owner, the Marchioness of Lothian.

Acreage, 766 acres.

Fence, wood palings.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 250.

Average weight of bucks, 73 lbs.

Average weight of does, 42 lbs.

Number of red deer, 7.

Average weight of stags, 175 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, 98 lbs.

There are also some wild turkeys.

The trees are old; the lake is 37 acres in extent. Large woods outskirting the park, in which some polled white cattle, descendants from the Middleton herd, used to roam.

### **Melton Constable Park.**

Owner, Lord Hastings.

Acreage, 500 acres, 150 acres fed by deer.

Fence, part wire, part wall.

Water supply, good, and natural.

Number of fallow deer, 120.

Average weight of bucks, 9 stone of 14 lbs.

Average weight of does, 6 to 7 stone, dead weight.

Number of red deer, 70.

Average weight of stags, 13 stone.

Average weight of hinds, 11 stone.

Swans, Egyptian geese, wild ducks, teal, &c.

Large proportion of beech and oak.

Twenty-five acres of water surrounded by woods.

### **Houghton Park.**

Owner, the Marquis of Cholmondeley.

Acreage, about 400 acres.

Fence, wooden palings.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 200.

Very large beeches and oaks.

### **Elmham Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Sondes.

Acreage, 330 acres.

Fence, oak palings, wall, and wire-strand.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 40.

Average weight of bucks, 8 stone.

Average weight of does,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  stone.

### **Kimberley Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Kimberley, K.G.

Acreage, 226 acres, not including lake and river.

Fence, partly pale, partly wire.

Water supply, river. Besides the natural stream enlarged, there is an artificial lake.

Number of fallow deer, 170.

Average weight of bucks, 154 lbs.

Average weight of does, 70 lbs.

Good supply of acorns from the oaks ; and seven acres of the park are wood.

### **Sandringham Park.**

Owner, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., K.T., K.P., &c.

Acreage, 180 acres.

Fence, iron hurdles and strained wire.

Water supply, natural, a small stream.

Number of fallow deer, about 300.

Weight of bucks, 8 to 9 stone.

Weight of does, 6 to 7 stone.

Number of red deer, 30.

Weight of stags, 16 to 20 stone.

Weight of hinds, 10 to 12 stone.

Goats and wildfowl. Grouse have been introduced on some of the heath land, but have not succeeded.

Trees ; oak, chestnut, and Scotch fir.

### Catton Park.

Owner, Samuel Gurney Buxton, Esquire.

Acreage, where the deer are kept in a corner of the park,  
12 acres.

Fence, a wire fence about 8 feet high.

Water supply, a natural pond.

Number of fallow deer, about 30.

Trees; oaks and elms.

### Dudwick Deer Paddock.

Owner, Philip Edward Sewell, Esquire.

Acreage, about 10 acres.

Fence, wood paling, thorn fence, and wire.

Water supply, pond, with good springs.

Number of fallow deer, about 24. Some nearly black,  
others white, and others well-spotted.

Nice timber; good grass.

The deer get acorns, swede turnips, and beetroot in winter,  
and a few cartloads of ivy every time the trees on the estate  
are thinned or trimmed.



## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

### Burghley Park.

Owner, the Marquis of Exeter.

Acreage, 1500 acres.

Fence, walled.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

Average weight of bucks, 8 stone.

Average weight of does, 5 stone.

Largely timbered, principally with lime trees.

### Althorp Park.

Owner, the Earl Spencer, K.G.

Acreage, 806 acres.

Fence, old stone wall, 8 feet high.

Water supply, natural, two large reservoirs, one holding 100,000 gallons, the other 50,000 gallons.

Number of fallow deer, 130.

Average weight of bucks, about 170 lbs.

Average weight of does, 100 to 110 lbs.

Wild ducks, swans, and peacocks.

Pleasure ground north-east and north-west side of mansion, and flower-gardens south-west side of the house. Pleasure ground or arboretum; splendid variety of oak, elm, and other trees; cork and firs.

Pleasure ground, 20 acres.

Imparked in the fourth year of Henry VIII. (1512).

### **Deene Park.**

Owner, the Countess of Cardigan.

Acreage, 750 acres.

Fence, post and rail.

Water supply, natural, lake of 50 acres.

Number of fallow deer, about 100.

Number of red deer, 20.

Beautifully timbered with fine oak, elm, and ash, with a splendid avenue reaching nearly round the park.

### **Whittlebury Park.**

Owner, Sir Edmund Giles Loder, Bart.

Acreage, 672 acres.

Fence, iron railing.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 300.

Number of red deer, 100.

Fourteen Japanese deer, January 1891.

The park is thickly studded with original trees of Whittlebury Forest.

### **Blatherwycke Park.**

Owner, H. Stafford O'Brien, Esquire.

Acreage, 500 acres.

Fence, iron.

Number of fallow deer, 300.

Average weight of bucks, 90 lbs.

Number of red deer, 30.

Artificial lake, 70 acres.

Enclosed about the middle of the 17th century.

### **Rockingham Park.**

Owner, George L. Watson, Esquire.

Acreage, about 400 acres.

Fence, wooden palings.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 200.

Average weight of bucks, about 140 lbs.

There were some red deer here in the time of King Henry VIII., but when they ceased is not known.

Much timber; oaks, beeches, ash and elm. The ground is much broken.

### **Boughton Park.**

Owner, the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, K.T.

Acreage, 360 acres.

Fence, partly brick wall, partly oak paling.

Water supply, the river Ise and springs.

Number of fallow deer, 250.

Average weight of bucks, 129 lbs.

Average weight of does,  $63\frac{3}{4}$  lbs.

Heaviest buck, 149 lbs.

Heaviest doe, 70 lbs.

Some cattle also graze in the park, which is intersected with avenues, principally of limes and elms.

The situation of the park is rather low.

### **Milton Park.**

Owner, the Hon. G. C. W. FitzWilliam.

Acreage, 312 acres.

Fence, partly wire, partly pales.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 115.

Average weight of bucks, 9 stone.

Average weight of does, 5 stone.

The park contains numerous large oaks; is well watered, and is surrounded by woods.

### **Fawsley Park.**

Owner, Sir Rainald Knightley, Bart.

Acreage, about 300 acres.

Fence, partly iron, partly wood.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, about 300.

Average weight of bucks, 115 lbs.

Average weight of does, 55 lbs.

A beautiful park.

Shirley says the new park now incorporated with the old one was enclosed in the reign of Elizabeth.

### **Farming Woods Park.**

Owner, Lord Lyveden.

Acreage, 250 acres.

Fence, paled.

Water supply, both natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 215.

Average weight of bucks, 112 lbs.

Average weight of does, 85 to 90 lbs.

This park was part of Rockingham Forest, and the old oaks and thorns are the natural wood.

It was enclosed about fifty years ago.

### **Yardley Hastings Chase Park.**

Owner, the Marquis of Northampton, K.G.

Acreage, 232 acres.

Fence, oak palings.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 150.

Average weight of bucks, 110 lbs.

Average weight of does, 52 lbs.

Some large oaks in the park, which is surrounded by woods



called Yardley Chase, and connected with the park lands of Castle Ashby (Lord Northampton's residence) by an avenue about three miles long.

### **Aynhoe Park.**

Owenr, William Cornwallis Cartwright, Esquire.

Acreage, of deer park only, 165 acres.

Fence, stone wall four miles in a square. The part for deer is railed off by Hill's iron park-fencing.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 100.

Average weight of bucks, 125 lbs., clean.

Average weight of does, 55 lbs., clean.

Abundance of horse-chestnuts and oaks. The park slopes to the south, and is well sheltered by plantations. The present park-keeper, James Millard, and his father have filled in succession the position of park-keeper here for 70 years.

Imparked in the 16th century.

### **Cottesbrooke Park.**

Owner, Sir James H. Langham, Bart.

Acreage, about 130 acres.

Fence, haha, with iron standards and wire.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 200.

Average weight of bucks, 115 lbs.

### **Norton Park.**

Owner, Mrs. Isabella Seymour.

Acreage, 95 acres.

Fence, partly wall, partly iron.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, not exceeding 100.

Average weight of bucks, 16 stone of 8 lbs.

Average weight of does, 8 stone.

### Lilford Park.

Owner, Lord Lilford.

Acreage, between 90 and 100 acres.

Fence, stone walls, sunk fence and wire.

Water supply, both natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 255, exclusive of the fawns of 1892.

Average weight of bucks, 132 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Cranes and wildfowl enclosed, with a pond.

Soil, clay, overlying limestone rock.

Trees; elm, ash, oak, beech and whitethorn.

One spring of water, and an artificial pond for cattle.

Surroundings, pasture lands and pleasure grounds.

### Carlton Park.

Owner, the Rev. Sir Lewis H. Palmer, Bart.

Acreage, 86 acres.

Fence, stone wall and iron palisade.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 70.

Average weight of bucks, 140 lbs.

Average weight of does, 100 lbs.

The park is very pretty, and finely wooded; limes, chestnuts, elms, and walnuts.

### Canons Ashby Park.

Owner, Sir Henry E. L. Dryden.

Acreage, 39½ acres.

Fence, oak pales.

Water supply, a pond of 5 acres.

Number of fallow deer, about 100.

Average weight of bucks, 90 to 115 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 to 60 lbs., clean.

Also cattle and sheep.

The park is undulating; rich land.

There are some avenues of elm and lime.

### **The Spinney Park.**

Owner, Edward Grant, Esquire.

Acreage, 16 acres.

Fence, stone wall all round, believed to be a very old enclosure for deer.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 40.

Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.

The old Manor House, belonging to Sir J. Nedham, who died in 1618, stood in the centre of the park. The site can still be traced.



## NORTHUMBERLAND.

### Chillingham Park.

Owner, the Earl of Tankerville.

Acreage, about 1500 acres.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, from 300 to 400.

Average weight of bucks, 112 lbs., clean.

Number of red deer, about 40.

Average weight of stags, 180 lbs., clean.

Wild white cattle, about 75 in number.

Well wooded ; varied scenery, with moor and wild ground, which rises to a great height above the lower part of the park, wherein the Castle stands.

Watered by burns, but no expanse of water.

### Hulne Park.

Owner, the Duke of Northumberland.

Acreage, 388 acres.

Fence, wire.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 120.

Average weight of bucks, 126 lbs.

Average weight of does, 90 lbs.

Number of red deer, 40.

Average weight of stags, 190 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, 126 lbs.

Two white red deer are kept.

### **Billsmoor Park.**

Owner, William Orde, Esquire.

Acreage, about 280 acres.

Fence, walled round.

Water supply, abundant, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 8.

Grazed with sheep and cattle.

### **Eslington Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Ravensworth.

Acreage, about 200 acres.

Fence, partly walled, partly posts and wire.

Water supply, the river Aln runs through it.

Number of fallow deer, 150 and upwards.

The park is well sheltered and timbered, and the land of good quality.

### **Carham Park.**

Owner, Mrs. Huntley.

Acreage, 33 acres.

Fence, wire fencing.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 100.

Average weight of bucks, 17 stone of 8 lbs.

Average weight of does, 8 stone.

Haunches, about 30 lbs.

The venison is celebrated for the great amount of fat which the deer put on; the pasture is very old and good.

Though so far north, and carrying so large a stock, the deer never have any corn, only a little hay in bad weather.

A rich level pasture on the right bank of the Tweed, surrounded and thinly studded with forest trees, about a mile from the Scotch boundary.

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

### Thoresby Park.

Owner, Earl Manvers.

Acreage, about 2000 acres.

Fence, oak paling.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 630.

Average weight of bucks, 90 lbs.

Number of red deer, 24.

At the Buck Gate entrance are a great number of grand oaks, each of which is a specimen of itself. The Spanish chestnuts are very fine. There is also a large stretch of old thorns, very many of which are heavily hung with mistletoe.

A truly grand park, and thought by many to be the finest in England.

### Welbeck Park.

Owner, the Duke of Portland.

Acreage, 1640 acres.

Fence, iron rail, and sunk fence or "ha-ha."

Water supply, from lakes.

Number of fallow deer, 360, and a herd of 130 white ones.

Average weight of bucks, 11 stone.

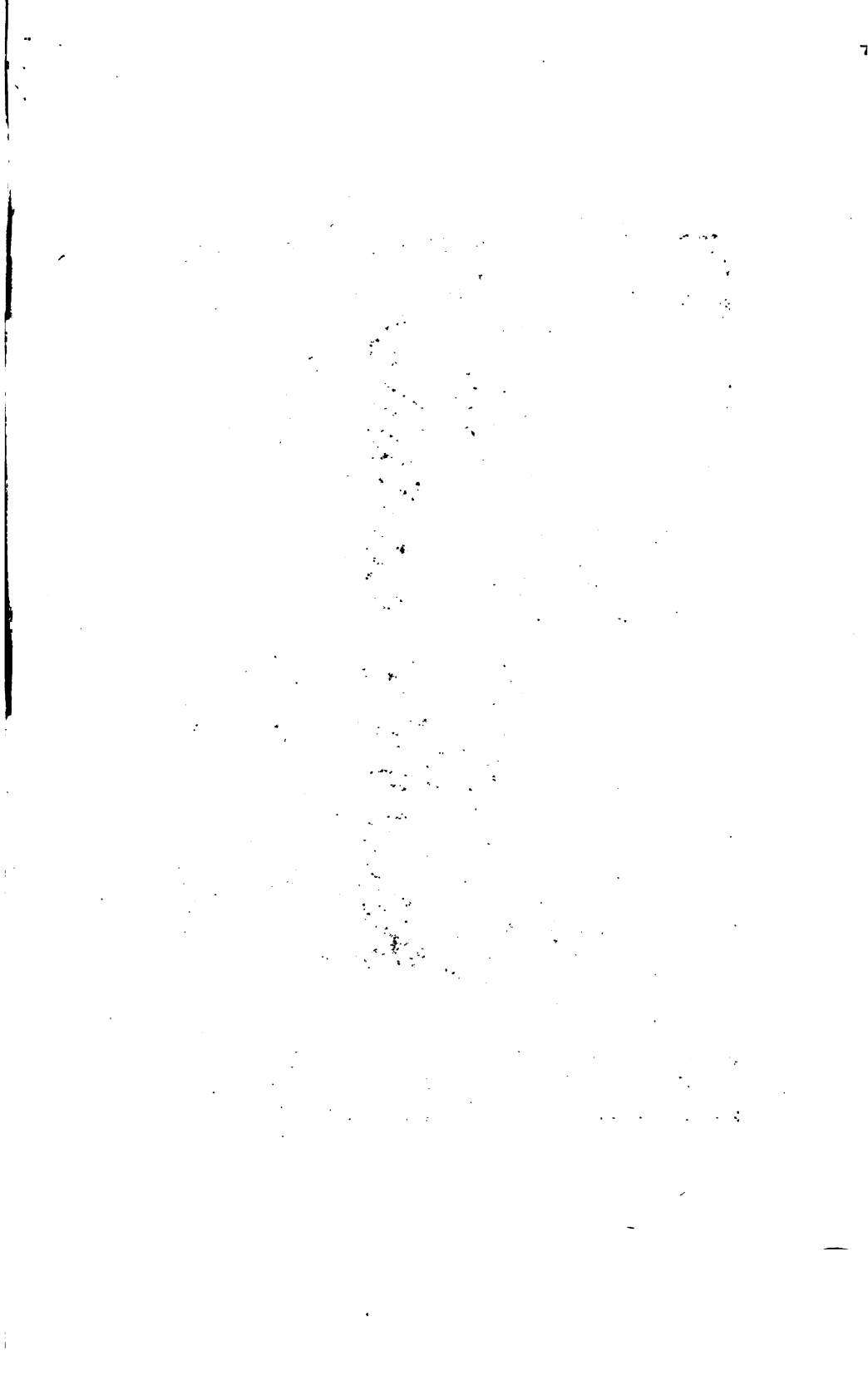
Average weight of does, 6 stone.

Number of red deer, 130, and 14 white ones.

Average weight of stags, 20 stone.

Average weight of hinds, 14 stone.

Trees, oaks, mostly, and some very grand. The celebrated Greendale oak is in the park. Large lake. Ten and a half miles of iron fencing.



## THE PUEBLO PARK

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Area of park, 100 acres.  
Elevation, about 5000 ft.  
Population, 1000.  
Water supply, natural.  
Number of fallow deer, about 100.  
Average weight of bucks, 150 lb.  
Number of deer, 100.

At the Park Gate there is a great number of great oaks, each of which is a specimen of its kind. The Spanish chestnuts are very fine. There is also a large stretch of alfalfa fields. The park is heavily built with a rough by main road to the forest.

### THE PUEBLO PARK

Area of park, 100 acres.

Water supply, natural.

Population, 1000.

Water supply, natural. A herd of 100 white deer, 300, and a herd of 100 white deer.

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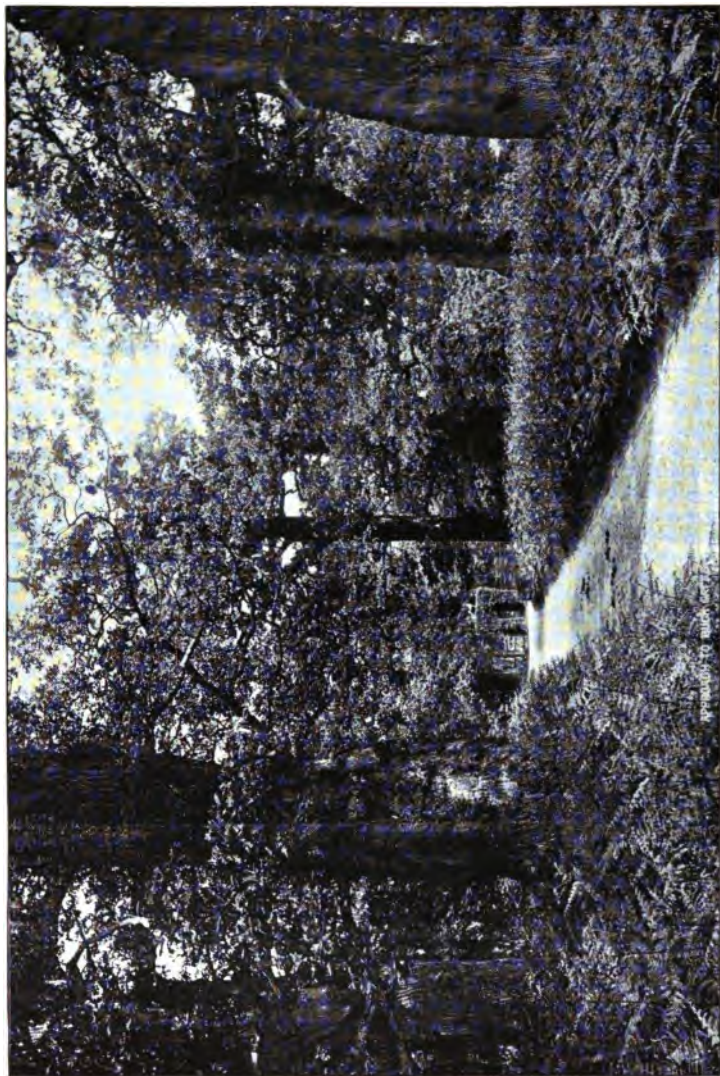
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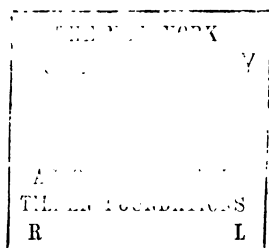
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THE BUCK GATES IN THORESBY PARK, NOTTS.



## Wollaton Park.

Owner, Lord Middleton.

Acreage, 750 acres, of which 400 are given to deer.

Fence, wall and iron fencing.

Water supply, natural, and a large lake.

Number of fallow deer, 105.

Average weight of bucks, 90 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs.

Number of red deer, 31.

Average weight of stags, 16 stone.

Average weight of hinds, 9 stone.

The park is well supplied with water. The trees are very fine, and well divided in groups over the park. The avenue of limes from the principal lodge to the hall is very striking. The boundary wall of the park extends close to the town of Nottingham.

There were wild white cattle in this park till the beginning of this century. They were polled or hornless, with black noses and black ears, and were known as the "old park herd," a name denoting some antiquity. Between 1800 and 1835 the herd became reduced by an accident, when fourteen died from eating dead branches of yew cut from trees near the hall. The survivors, showing no tendency to breed, were killed off.

## Annesley Park.

Owner, J. P. Chaworth-Musters, Esquire.

Acreage, 600 acres.

Fence, plain wire.

Water supply, natural, one lake and eight ponds.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

Average weight of bucks, 7 stone of 8 lbs.

Large timber. Hilly, and in some parts much bracken.

Wild cattle were in this park in 1669, as the following extract from the Belvoir papers will show :—

*"August 4th, 1669.—Annesley.*

"I have made bouldes to present your Ladyship a small taste off a White wild Oxe frome my Parke, killed by my owne hand. I had not presumed so much but that I have heard my Lord off Rutland saye they were originally his att Beskewood Parke from whence I had that breed."

This is from Lord Chaworth to the Countess of Rutland (his wife's mother). The said Lord Chaworth was an ancestor of the present owner of Annesley.

### **Rufford Park.**

Owner, Lord Savile, G.C.B.

Acreage, 400 acres.

Fence, oak paling.

Water supply, both natural and artificial—large lake.

Number of fallow deer, from 300 to 350.

Average weight of bucks, 9 stone.

Average weight of does, 6 stone.

The park is nicely undulated, with some very fine timber, especially beeches.

The herd of deer in this park are of the finest, both for size of body and large palmation of horn.

### **Rainworth Park.**

Owner, J. Whitaker, Esquire.

Acreage, 22 acres.

Fence, part oak and larch pales, part iron.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 21.

Average weight of bucks, 110 lbs.

Ten four-horned St. Kilda sheep, two rheas, and three emus range with the deer.

Soil sandy, undulating, and well sheltered with belts of fir plantations. Faces north, and the deer do very well.

### Highfield Park.

Owner, Alderman William Oliver Quibell.

Acreage, about 10 acres.

Fence, part wire and part wood.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 10.

Clumps of pines and shrubs.

### Chauntry House Park.

Owner, J. F. Warwick, Esquire.

Acreage, about 3 acres.

Fence, walled.

Number of fallow deer, 10.

Some fine elms and chestnuts.

The deer do very well for so small a space, and grow very fat.

### Bagnall House Park.

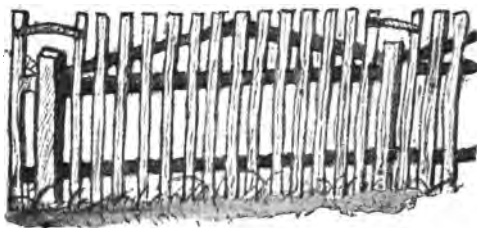
Owner, Thomas Hancock, Esquire.

A small enclosure.

Fence, wire, 5 ft. 6 in.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 4.



DEER FENCE AT RAINWORTH, NOTTS.

## OXFORDSHIRE.

### Blenheim Park.

Owner, the Duke of Marlborough.

Acreage of park, 2254 acres.

Acreage of part used for deer, 760 acres.

Fence, iron.

Water supply, natural; large lake of about 250 acres.

Number of red deer, 40.

There are numerous fine oaks, belts of beech, and some grand elms.

### Nuneham Park.

Owner, Edward William Harcourt, Esquire.

Acreage of whole park, 1200 acres; of the part used for deer, 300 acres.

Fence, split oak.

Water supply, natural, land drainage, and lakes.

Number of fallow deer, 300.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 70 lbs.

Other animals, Mesopotamian deer and gayals (*Bibos frontalis*).

Woods; broken ground; fair pasturage.

Deer were introduced here in 1780 by George Earl Harcourt.

The fallow deer are both black and spotted, and there are also some white ones.

## Cornbury Park.

Owner, Lord Churchill.

Acreage, 600 acres.

Fence, wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, nearly 200.

When Wychwood Forest, which now belongs to Lord Churchill and adjoins the Park, was a royal forest, there were red deer in it. The fallow deer are of the same breed as those which roamed in Wychwood.

There is a very fine avenue of beech trees and another of limes, as well as numerous avenues of chestnut trees and others. There are three lakes in the park, and the river Evenlode flows through the meadow land at the end of the park. The oaks in this park are very grand.

## Ditchley Park.

Owner, Viscount Dillon.

Acreage, 300 acres.

Fence, part oak paling, part wall.

Water supply, natural, several pools.

Number of fallow deer, 400.

Average weight of bucks, 95 lbs.

Average weight of does, 55 lbs.

In 1603 a signet license, for which a fee of £3 was paid, was granted to Sir Henry Lee, K.G., to enclose a park for deer; and as he was ranger of Woodstock Park, now Blenheim, he probably took his deer from there. They are spotted and dark, and about a fourth of their number pure white. When Viscount Dillon first came here, the white ones were few in number, but he has favoured that variety by saving the fawns of that hue. The name of the park is Ditchley; the former owners were the Lees, Earls of Litchfield, whom Viscount Dillon represents, and from whom he

inherited it. Some ancient deer-heads belonging to animals killed by James I. are preserved here, bearing inscriptions indicating the places where they were hunted and slain, with the dates. (See *The Zoologist*, 1890, p. 158.)

The park contains all sorts of English trees, except yew, many much older than the formation of the park.

### Crowsley Park.

Owner, Colonel Baskerville.

Acreage, 250 acres.

Fence, split oak ; but this is gradually being superseded by iron fencing.

Water supply, pond supplied by a spring.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

Average weight of bucks, 96 lbs.

Seven avenues, one a mile long, extend from the house, with one round the park like a wheel, alternating oak and elm. The timber is very fine. One oak is 30 feet round at five feet from the ground. Fern in places.

### Thame Park.

Owner, W. A. Wykeham-Musgrave, Esquire.

Acreage, about 210 acres (deer park proper).

Fence, hedge and oak paling.

Water supply, natural, stream.

Number of fallow deer, 160.

Average weight of bucks, 90 lbs.

Average weight of does, 45 lbs.

Cattle graze in the park.

### Stonor Park.

Owner, Lord Camoys.

Acreage, 200 acres.

Fence, iron, 6 ft. high.



Water supply, four ponds.  
 Number of fallow deer, 100.  
 Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs., clean.  
 Average weight of does, 70 lbs., clean.  
 Beech trees ; park very hilly.

### Holton Park.

Owner, William Earle Biscoe, Esquire.  
 Acreage, about 200 acres.  
 Fence, stone wall all round.  
 Water supply, natural.  
 Number of fallow deer, 100.  
 The trees in the park are of great size, one oak measuring 28 feet four feet from the ground, an elm 28 ft. 4 in., a beech 19 feet, and an ash 14 feet.  
 An ancient moat exists, fed by never-failing springs.  
 There are both dark and spotted deer, but mostly spotted.

### Fawley-Court Park.

Owner, William Dalziel Mackenzie, Esquire.  
 Acreage, 180 acres.  
 Fence, iron.  
 Water supply, a brook.  
 Number of fallow deer, about 100.  
 Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.  
 Average weight of does, 60 lbs.  
 Number of red deer, about 70.  
 On the crest of the Chiltern Hills, commanding a very extensive view, sloping towards the Thames near Henley.  
 Fine beech, oak, elm, &c.  
 The park was restocked about ten years ago, the older one having been destroyed at the time of the Commonwealth.

### **Greys' Court Park.**

Owner, Sir Francis Stapleton, Bart.

Acreage, 100 acres.

Fence, oak paling.

Water supply, natural ponds.

Number of fallow deer, 100.

Average weight of bucks, 90 lbs.

This is an ancient park, and was formerly much larger. It is mentioned in Camden's "Britannia."

Well wooded with fine old forest trees, and undulating scenery.

The fallow deer are both dark and spotted.

### **Glympton Park.**

Owner, Henry Barnett, Esquire.

Acreage, about 100 acres.

Fence, wooden paling and stone walls.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 70.

Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.

The fallow deer are of all colours, and there are some white ones amongst them.

### **Magdalene College Park.**

Owner, Magdalene College, Oxford.

Acreage, 11 acres.

Fence, part high wall, and a short part high railing.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, about 40.

Contains some grand elms, one being specially large.

## RUTLAND.

### Exton Park.

Owner, the Earl of Gainsborough.

Acreage, 923 acres, including 24 acres of water and 69 of enclosed wood.

Fence, 1000 yards iron, the remainder oak pales.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 440.

Average weight of bucks, 95 lbs.

Average weight of does, 52 lbs.

Number of red deer, 10; introduced in 1887 from Lowther Castle, and three Japanese deer.

Foxes and badgers both breed here.

There is a rabbit warren, and a good number of hares.

The park was enclosed by license of Charles I. about the 15th year of his reign, 1639

Oak, elm, and ash flourish; there are also sycamore, maple, hawthorn, beech, white poplar, horse-chestnut, lime, Scotch fir, larch, and spruce. The birch, alder, hornbeam, walnut, silver fir, cherry, mountain ash, white beam, and wild service tree are also found.

There are two ponds well stocked with fish, and many watering places.

The soil is limestone.

### Normanton Park.

Owner, Lord Willoughby d'Eresby.

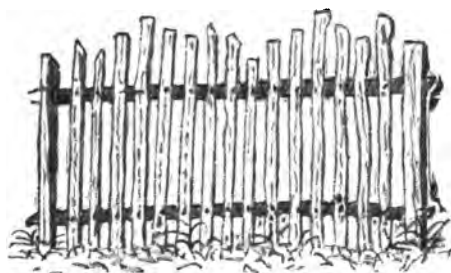
Acreage, about 400 acres.

Fence, wire and wall.

Water supply, natural stream.

Number of fallow deer, about 350.

The park is to the east of the house and on high ground ; the land is red loam ; it is well timbered in clumps, and there are some very fine single oaks and elms.



DEER FENCE, EXTON PARK, RUTLAND.

## SHROPSHIRE.

### Hawkstone Park.

Owner, Viscount Hill.  
Acreage, 999 acres.  
Fence, iron hurdles.  
Water supply, artificial lake.  
Number of fallow deer, 300.  
Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.

### Attingham Park.

Owner, Lord Berwick.  
Acreage, 600 acres.  
Fence, wall and paling.  
Water supply, the river Fern.  
Number of fallow deer, 200.  
There is a heronry in the park.

### Apley Park.

Owner, William Orme Foster, Esquire.  
Acreage, 420 acres.  
Fence, iron.  
Water supply, natural springs.  
Number of fallow deer, 150.  
Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.  
Average weight of does, 80 lbs.  
On the Severn, with beautiful surroundings.

### **Acton Burnell Park.**

Owner, Sir Frederick Smythe, Bart.

Acreage, about 280 acres.

Fence, stone wall, iron, and wood.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 180.

Average weight of bucks, 112 lbs.

Average weight of does, 106 lbs.

Two lakes, one over 16 acres ; the other, 9 acres.

There are two shrubberies on one side the park, with walk in centre. The ground rises from the house, and forms a considerable hill, with fine spreading trees thickly grouped.

### **Loton Park.**

Owner, Sir Baldwyn Leighton, Bart.

Acreage, about 250 acres.

Fence, limestone wall and old dry wall.

Water supply, artificial ponds fed by natural springs.

Number of fallow deer, about 100.

Average weight of bucks, about 95 lbs.

Average weight of does, about 50 lbs.

Cattle, sheep, and rabbits.

The park is wild and hilly in parts.

Thorns and sycamore grow well ; also oaks, beech, and ash ; broken ground, with a good deal of fern. Limestone soil.

The venison here is small but very fine, like Welsh mutton is to ordinary mutton.

### **Chetwynd Park.**

Owner, John Charles Burton Borough, Esquire.

Acreage, about 211 acres.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, both natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 115.

Average weight of bucks, 108 lbs.

Average weight of does, 40 lbs.

Cattle and sheep.

Trees, chiefly deciduous, oak, beech, Wych elm, horse and Spanish chestnut, principally; several crab trees, the fruit of which is much liked by the deer.

A large pool of 20 acres is the natural water supply, and the artificial supply is obtained from a deep well (with pump) in the new red sandstone.

The park is wild, hilly, and well timbered.

### **Boreatton Park.**

Owner, Rowland Hunt, Esquire.

Acreage, 140 acres.

Fence, half wire, half wall.

Water supply, artificial pools.

Number of fallow deer, 70.

Average weight of bucks, 110 lbs.

Heavily timbered, and a great quantity of fern.

### **Oteley Park.**

Owner, S. K. Mainwaring, Esquire.

Acreage, about 130 acres.

Fence, part wood pales and part iron.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 90.

Average weight of bucks, 115 to 120 lbs.

Number of red deer, only a few.

Timbered generally; oak chiefly.

The park is hilly, and very pretty.

### **Mawley Park.**

Owner, Lady Blount.

Acreage, 92 acres.

Fence, mostly stone wall.

Water supply, natural. The river Rea runs through the park.

Number of fallow deer, about 100.

Average weight of bucks, 80 lbs.

Average weight of does, 45 lbs.

Some very fine oak timber.

### Henley Park.

Owner, John B. Wood, Esquire.

Acreage, 51 acres.

Fence, part old oak paling, part new wire fencing.

Water supply, a large stream, the Ledwych.

Number of fallow deer, 70.

Average weight of bucks, 85 to 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs., clean.

Magnificent old oaks; one probably the tallest oak in England, girth 26 feet at five feet from the ground. Old thorns, horse-chestnut, and tall bracken.

Capital trout-fishing.

### Longnor Park.

Owner, Colonel Edward Corbett.

Acreage, 50 acres.

Fence, part stone wall, part oak paling.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 25 (average).

Average weight of bucks, 80 to 90 lbs.

Average weight of does, about 50 lbs.

Well timbered, with a brook running through.

There has been a deer-park, though not always on the same ground, since before the time of Henry VIII. There has been no change of blood for at least seventy years, and still the deer are remarkably healthy. Mr. Herring, the dealer, said a few years ago that they were the healthiest he knew.



### Manor House Park.

Owner, Miss Mary Ann Hall.

Acreage, 9 acres now ; will be 15 acres.

Fence, wood and iron.

Water supply, natural, pond half-an-acre.

Number of fallow deer, 39.

Also Chinese geese.

Beautiful undulating land, situated on high ground between two rivers.

Splendid oak and elm timber, and fine views of the surrounding country.



## SOMERSETSHIRE.

### Ashton Park.

Owner, Sir J. H. Greville Smyth, Bart.

Acreage, about 1000 acres.

Fence, stone wall about 11 feet high.

Water supply, surface water collected in pools.

Number of fallow deer, 400.

Average weight of bucks, dressed, 90 to 110 lbs.

Average weight of does, dressed, 55 to 75 lbs.

Number of red deer, 200.

Average weight of stags, dressed, 240 to 275 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, dressed, 160 to 180 lbs.

Other animals, Axis deer, or "Cheetal," 42.

The park is situated near the city of Bristol, on a plateau 300 to 400 feet above the river Avon, and on the southern slopes of the valley, commanding extensive views to the south and east.

Geological formations—carboniferous limestone, millstone grit, and new red sandstone.

The park is well wooded, and suits a considerable variety of trees.

### Dunster Park.

Owner, George Fownes Luttrell, Esquire.

Acreage, 416 acres.

Fence, oak paling, beech hedge on high bank.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 300.

Average weight of haunches, 23 lbs. each.

Trees, oak and ash chiefly.

The largest oak—a pollard—is 20 ft. girth three feet from the ground; the largest ash 13 ft. 10 in.; a cherry-tree 5 ft. 8 in. girth three feet from the ground; a poplar, 16 ft. 6 in. three feet from the ground.

Hilly, with picturesque surroundings. Near the Bristol Channel. The park rises to a considerable elevation.

### **St. Audries Park.**

Owner, Sir Alexander B. P. Fuller Acland Hood, Bart.

Acreage, 300 acres.

Fence, iron railing.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 250.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 55 lbs.

Number of red deer, 25.

Average weight of stags, 200 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, 120 lbs.

The trees are oak, beech, Scotch fir, walnut, &c. Good pasture 180 feet above the sea level, with heather, fern, and gorse on hill about 900 feet above the sea level.

### **Ammerdown Park.**

Owner, Lord Hylton.

Acreage, about 250 acres.

Fence, walled all round.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 250.

Average weight of bucks, 115 lbs.

Well watered, with plenty of trees for shade, &c.

### **Halswell Park.**

Owner, Halswell M. Kemeys-Tynte, Esquire.

Acreage, 194 acres.

Fence, part iron, part rustic.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 450.

Average weight of bucks, 118 lbs.

Average weight of does, 65 lbs.

A lovely park, with fine old oaks, and commanding a good view of the Bristol Channel.

### **Pixton Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Carnarvon.

Acreage, 168 acres.

Fence, oak paling.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

Average weight of bucks, 95 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

The park is surrounded by open fields and woods.

### **Nettlecombe Park.**

Owner, Sir Alfred Wilson Trevelyan, Bart.

Acreage, 97 acres, including wood.

Fence, wire and wood.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 180.

Average weight of bucks, 112 lbs.

Average weight of does, 56 lbs.

Other animals, sheep.

A stream of water runs through the centre of the park.

The trees consist of large oaks and chestnuts.

### **Alfoxton Park.**

Owner, Birt St. Albyn Jenner, Esquire.

Acreage, 80 acres.

Fence, wood and iron.

Water supply, a natural spring.

Number of fallow deer, 80.

Average weight of bucks, 80 lbs.

Glen and wood ; fine trees ; beautiful scenery.

### **Brockley Park.**

Owner, Cecil Hugh Smyth-Pigott, Esquire.

Acreage, 45 acres.

Fence, walled.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 44.

Average weight of bucks, 125 lbs.

Average weight of does, 90 lbs.

These weights are without head and skin.

There is a heronry ; about sixty nests a year.

Old English limes, said to be nearly 500 years old ; old oaks, &c. Rookeries from all the neighbourhood form one large colony here—rooks arrive in thousands for winter. There is a rookery at Brockley, but this colony roosts about 300 yards from the chief rookery.

Brockley Court is a very old house, part of it Tudor. Brockley Hall was built towards the end of last century. Brockley Coombe is the subject of one of Coleridge's poems.

Picturesque ; on the slopes of a hill.

### **Combe Sydenham Park.**

Owner, Marwood Notley, Esquire.

Acreage, about 13 acres.

Fence, partly iron, partly wood.

Water supply, a natural stream.

Number of fallow deer, 17.

Number of red deer, 7.

The park is on the side of a steep hill, on the top of which it is bordered by a fir plantation. The lower part is flat, and along the fence there are some elm trees. A short time

back an elm blew down, breaking the fence, and several deer escaped, which are still at large ; amongst them a very fine white red stag.

### Hatch Court Park.

Owner, W. Hardstaff, Esquire.

Acreage,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  acres.

Fence, iron wire.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 40.

Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.

Average weight of does, 90 lbs.



## STAFFORDSHIRE.

### Wootton Park.

Owner, Mrs. Mary Cathcart.

Acreage, 1510 acres, 400 of which are woods.

Fence, stone wall 10 feet high and 4 feet thick.

Water supply, natural, stream and fish-pond.

Number of fallow deer, 100.

Average weight of bucks, 16 stone of 8 lbs.

Average weight of does, 10 stone.

Number of red deer, 6.

There are also badgers in the park.

Well wooded with fine trees of many kinds. The wall was built by the Fleetwoods in the reign of Richard II., and is probably the oldest park wall in England, over 500 years. The labourers were paid a penny a day. The Fleetwoods held this property till 1700. The Lodge stands in the park, and was besieged by Oliver Cromwell in 1643 with his son-in-law, Thomas Fleetwood, whose brother, Sir Richard Fleetwood, held the house for the King. The house still shows the mark of cannon balls on its walls.

The fish-ponds round the house are a mile in length.

### Chartley Park.

Owner, Earl Ferrers.

Acreage, 1000 acres.

Fence, split oak railings.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs.

Number of red deer, 150.

Average weight of stags, 150 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, 70 lbs.

Also 40 wild white cattle.

The timber consists of clumps of Scotch firs and birch, with a few single oak trees. A vast expanse of rough, wild, moor-like land. The ground is for the most part very open, and the effect of this heathy waste in the midst of a cultivated country is very singular.

### **Weston Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Bradford.

Acreage, about 1000 acres.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 400.

Undulating and well wooded, with many single fine oaks.  
Some bracken.

### **Beau Desert Park.**

Owner, the Marquis of Anglesey.

Acreage, about 800 acres.

Fence, wooden fence.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 40.

Average weight of bucks, 90 lbs.

Average weight of does, 65 lbs.

Rabbits, partridges, pheasants, and other game.

Fine situation on the borders of Cannock Chase.

### **Bagot's Park.**

Owner, Lord Bagot.

Acreage, 800 acres.

Fence, pales.



Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 150.

Average weight of bucks, 130 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Number of red deer, 20.

There is also a herd of goats in the park.

Timber, chiefly oak, of very fine growth.

### **Wolseley Park.**

Owner, Sir Charles Wolseley, Bart.

Acreage, 450 acres.

Fence, wooden pales.

Water supply, natural, spring and pool.

Number of fallow deer, only 20 now; there used to be 100.

An old park, on the borders of Cannock Chase, enclosed from Cant Wood in the time of Edward IV., when liberty was given to make deer-leaps which still exist; the only park in England where this right has been maintained to the present date.

### **Himley Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Dudley.

Acreage, 413 acres. The deer have the run over about 250 acres.

Fence, brick wall and cleft oak.

Water supply, four pools, supplied by springs rising in the park.

Number of fallow deer, 50.

Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.

Average weight of does, 55 lbs.

Farm stock graze in the park.

The park is situated on the edge of the Black Country, four miles from Dudley, six from Wolverhampton.

Undulating ground; well watered.

Fine old oak, elm, ash and yew trees.

### **Trentham Park.**

Owner, the Duke of Sutherland, K.G.

Acreage, 380 acres.

Fence, wood paling, and wall.

Water supply, natural—a large sheet of water.

Number of fallow deer, 40.

Average weight of bucks, 11 stone.

Average weight of does, 8 stone.

Enclosed about the year 1735.

### **Aqualate Park.**

Owner, Sir Thomas Fletcher Boughey, Bart.

Acreage, 260 acres.

Fence, oak paling.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 200.

Well wooded.

Lake of 200 acres, about 1 mile long.

### **High Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Dartmouth.

Acreage, 250 acres.

Fence, wall and buck hurdles.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 165.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

The park is undulating, with bracken; well wooded; and small pools, frequented by herons.

Fine view towards the Wrekin.

### **Ingestre Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot.

Acreage, 217 acres.

Fence, partly stone wall, partly cleft oak pales.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 70.  
Average weight of bucks, 80 to 120 lbs.  
Average weight of does, 50 to 70 lbs.  
Number of red deer, 9.  
Average weight of stags, 224 lbs.  
There is also a herd of 26 goats.  
The park stands high, and is well wooded.

### Okeover Park.

Owner, Haughton Charles Okeover, Esquire.  
Acreage, 200 acres.  
Fence, partly old oak, partly iron.  
Water supply, a brook runs through the park.  
Number of fallow deer, 150.  
Average weight of bucks, 115 lbs.  
Remarkable for the antiquity of the oaks. There are also some very fine firs.

### Swythamley Park.

Owner, Philip L. Brocklehurst, Esquire.  
Acreage, about 200 acres.  
Fence, high stone wall (formerly there were oak pales round one side).  
Water supply, natural.  
Number of fallow deer, 180, of the so-called menil breed, spotted.  
Average weight of bucks, 95 to 100 lbs.  
Average weight of does, 65 to 70 lbs.  
Thickly timbered park, with hills and dales, affording good shelter for the deer; surroundings wild and picturesque; the views from the Hall embrace a wide range of heather-covered hills, dotted with dark pine woods.  
The rock-bound river Dane, dividing Staffordshire from Cheshire, winds for miles through the manor, outside the park.  
This park dates from the time of Henry VIII.

### Ashcombe Park.

Owner, Dryden Sneyd, Esquire.

Acreage, 149 acres.

Fence, stone wall, oak paling, and iron.

Water supply, rivulet and ponds.

Number of fallow deer, average 85.

Average weight of bucks, 110 lbs.

Average weight of does, 70 lbs.

This park is noted for its venison; a six-year-old buck when dressed weighed 120 lbs.

Other animals or birds, horses, cattle, sheep, black-game, partridges, pheasants, snipe, wild-duck, &c.

The park is well wooded, and is noted for its ancient oaks and Spanish chestnuts.

The view from the house is very beautiful, and the background of the Cheshire moors wild and rugged.

### Hoar Cross Park.

Owner, the Hon. Mrs. Meynell-Ingram.

Acreage, 100 acres.

Fence, oak fence.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 76.

Average weight of bucks, 95 lbs.

Average weight of does, 65 lbs.

Imparked in the 16th century.

### Dunstall Park.

Owner, Sir Reginald Hardy, Bart.

Acreage, 60 acres.

Fence, iron.

Water supply, natural spring.

Number of fallow deer, 40.

Indian bulls, Spanish sheep—black and white, called "Jacob's sheep."

### Whiston Eaves Park.

Owner, John Eli Smith, Esquire.

Acreage, 20 acres.

Fenced with five-feet wall and two wires.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 15.

A few sheep, and ordinary game.

Part of the land is covered with fir trees, heather, and ferns.

This park has been without deer for some years ; formerly there were as many as forty or forty-five ; it was restocked with deer about three years since, and the owner purposes keeping about twenty, or twenty-five.



## S U F F O L K.

### **Ickworth Park.**

Owner, the Marquis of Bristol.

Acreage, 2000 acres.

Fence, wooden pales.

Water supply, natural, with lakes.

Number of fallow deer, formerly 600 ; now about 300.

Average weight of bucks, 15 to 20 stone of 8 lbs.

Other animals, Scotch cattle and Shetland ponies.

### **Livermere Park.**

Owner, the Hon. James St. Vincent Saumarez.

Acreage, about 550 acres.

Fence, park palings.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 120.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 55 lbs.

Large lake of about 50 acres, on which are several pairs of swans, and a stream running through the middle of the park, with carriage bridge and also a foot bridge over it.

Well wooded with fine old oak timber, &c.

### **Flixton Hall Park.**

Owner, Sir Hugh Edward Adair, Bart.

Acreage, 500 acres.

Fence, partly wood, but chiefly iron.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 220.

Pheasants and partridges.

Old trees—oaks, elms, and chestnuts—and new plantations.

### **Helmingham Park.**

Owner, Lord Tollemache of Helmingham.

Acreage, 390 acres.

Fence, riven oak by the roadside, elsewhere iron.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 260. Black in colour, small, and meat like Southdown sheep.

Average weight of bucks, 9 stone.

Average weight of does, 6 stone 7 lbs.

Number of red deer, 72.

Average weight of stags, 19 stone.

Average weight of hinds, 11 stone 7 lbs.

Avenue of oaks, and probably the finest clump of oaks of any park in England.

House surrounded by a moat approached by drawbridges.

### **Shrubland Park.**

Owner, Lord de Saumarez.

Acreage, 355 acres enclosed.

Fence, oak palings and iron fencing.

Water supply, natural for deer, and artificial for domestic purposes.

Number of fallow deer, 150.

Average weight of bucks, 8 to 9 stone.

Average weight of does, 4 to 5 stone.

The park is well wooded, and there are some splendid specimens of old sweet-chestnuts.

### **Woolverstone Park.**

Owner, Captain H. Berners, R.N.

Acreage, about 350 acres.

Fence, half cleft oak, half iron.

Water supply, natural, pond and springs.

Number of fallow deer, 400.

Average weight of bucks, 95 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs.

The park is on the edge of the river Orwell, which forms one boundary.

Fine old timber.

The deer are fed on acorns and hay in winter.

### **Orwell Park.**

Owner, E. G. Pretymann, Esquire.

Acreage, 200 acres.

Fence, iron deer fence and wall.

Water supply, natural springs brought into troughs.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

A heronry containing sixty nests.

The park slopes down to the river Orwell, here tidal and about one mile wide. Good oaks, and the ground nicely broken, with much bracken.

Enclosed in the 17th century.

### **Redgrave Park.**

Owner, George Holt Wilson, Esquire.

Acreage, about 200 acres.

Fence, oak palings.

Water supply, natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, about 60.

Average weight of bucks, 8 stone.

There is a fine lake of about 50 acres.

### **Polstead Park.**

Owner, the Rev. T. A. Cooke, M.A.

Acreage, 84 acres.

Fence, wooden palings.



Water supply, natural.  
Number of fallow deer, 80.  
Average weight of bucks, 80 lbs.  
Average weight of does, 60 lbs.  
Trees : oak, ash, horse-chestnut and elm.

### **Campsey Ashe Park.**

Owner, Hon. Wm. Lowther, M.P.  
Acreage, 80 acres.  
Fence, continuous iron fencing.  
Water supply, natural.  
Number of fallow deer, 60.  
Average weight of bucks, 108 lbs.  
Other animals, St. Kilda sheep, and West Highland cattle.  
The park is well studded with trees, and there is also a fine avenue of limes, with view from the mansion.

### **Somerleyton Park.**

Owner, Sir Savile Crossley, Bart.  
Acreage, 50 acres.  
Fence, wire.  
Water supply, both natural and artificial.  
Number of fallow deer, 35.  
Number of red deer, 20.  
Scotch cattle graze in the park.  
Long avenue of timber, with ornamental water.

## **SURREY.**

### **Richmond Park.**

Owner, Her Majesty the Queen.

Acreage, 2300 acres.

Fence, wall and paling.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 1100 to 1200.

Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.

Number of red deer, 50.

Fine timber. Undulating, and even hilly in many places.  
A great deal of fern, which here grows very strong and high.  
Two considerable pieces of water near the middle of the park, and some enclosed game-coverts.

### **Clandon Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G.

Acreage, total, 526 acres ; deer park only, 112½ acres.

Fence, continuous bar fencing, 7 feet high.

Water supply, natural, chalk springs.

Number of fallow deer, when herd is in full number, about 100.

The park is undulating, and heavily timbered with old oaks and elms.

The lake and stream supplied by strong springs from the chalk, and well stocked with trout.

### **Park-Hatch.**

Owner, Joseph Godman, Esquire.

Acreage, 500 acres.

Fence, partly wall, partly old oak pales, and continuous iron bar.

Water supply, ponds and springs.

Number of fallow deer, about 200.

Number of red deer, 15.

Amongst other animals in the park are some forty Japanese deer (*Cervus sika*), which have been here for several years and thrive well; some emus, and a flock of black sheep from the Landes of France.

A Mesopotamian fallow buck was introduced a few years ago, and crossed with the fallow does. The produce is two and three years old, large and handsome, and will doubtless improve the size of the original stock.

The timber is chiefly oak, beech and fir. Hascombe Hill is mostly comprised within the fence, and is open at all times to visitors without restriction.

There is an old Roman camp on the highest ground.

### Peper Harow Park.

Owner, Viscount Middleton.

Acreage, 300 acres.

Fence, oak palings outside, and flat bar irons against coverts inside.

Water supply, the river Wey runs through the park.

Number of fallow deer, about 220.

Average weight of bucks, 110 to 125 lbs.

Average weight of does, about 61 lbs.

The park is well timbered, and rendered picturesque with a good deal of fern. The pasturage carries a large head of stock and sheep as well as deer.

### Farnham Park.

Owner, the Bishop of Winchester.

Acreage, 300 acres.

Fence, oak park paling.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 300.

A few cows and horses graze in the park.

There are many fine oaks and other trees, and an elm avenue three-quarters of a mile in length.

### **Wonersh Park.**

Owner, John Jackson Sudbury, Esquire.

Acreage, under 300 acres.

Fence, iron railing and oak pales.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, under 200.

The park swarms with rabbits and pheasants. The ground covered with fern, is beautifully timbered, and undulating. The river Wey runs through it.

### **Carshalton Park.**

Owner, John F. W. B. Taylor, Esquire.

Acreage, 140 acres.

Fence, stone wall, with high oak fence inside.

Water supply, natural; the springs often wander.

Number of fallow deer, 42.

Surrey stags, 50.

The Surrey Farmers' Staghounds are kept here.

Other animals or birds observable are hares, kingfishers, moorhens, and occasionally herons.

The trees are chiefly walnuts, Spanish chestnuts, and horse-chestnuts; one chestnut tree takes nine men's span to go round it. The timber generally is very fine, and the trees very old.

The river Wandle gives a picturesque appearance.

### **Ashstead Park.**

Owner, Pantia Ralli, Esquire.

Acreage, 137 acres.

Fence, brick wall.

Water supply, both natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 120.

Average weight of bucks, 14 to 16 stone of 8 lbs.

Average weight of does, 9 to 11 stone.

There are swans and ducks on the water.

The park is beautifully wooded, with many kinds of trees.

### **Mordon Hall Park.**

Owner, Gilliat Hatfield, Esquire.

Acreage, 102 acres.

Fence, oak paling.

Water supply, the river Wandle.

Number of fallow deer, about 100.

Average weight of bucks, 13 stone of 8 lbs.

Does do not do so well as the bucks.

Trees, chestnuts and willows.

Very flat ground, and much water.

### **Wimbledon Park.**

Owner, Sir Henry Peek, Bart.

Acreage, 30 acres.

Fence, iron and wall.

Water supply, both natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 35.

Average weight of bucks, 120 lbs.

Average weight of does, 80 lbs.

The deer are all of the menil type ; spotted.

A very pretty park, with some fine elms, Spanish chestnuts, and large evergreen oaks.

Besides the deer, there is a herd of Alderneys, and a flock of "Coomassie" sheep, the latter all white, with head and neck entirely black, presenting a very curious appearance.

On the lake, a variety of waterfowl.

## **SUSSEX.**

### **Eridge Park.**

Owner, the Marquess of Abergavenny, K.G.

Acreage, 2500 acres.

Fence, wooden paling and continuous iron.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 400.

Average weight of bucks, 105 lbs.

Average weight of does, 95 lbs.

Number of red deer, 100.

Average weight of stags, 200 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, 150 lbs.

The park is very wild, and in places poor feeding; large tracts of heather and bracken; the timber, chiefly beech and oak, is very fine. A chain of ponds runs through the valley which lies between the wilder portion of the park and that part in which the house stands.

### **Buckhurst Park.**

Owner, the Earl De La Warr and Buckhurst.

Acreage, upwards of 2100 acres.

Fence, part oak paling, part wire fencing.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 300.

Average weight of bucks, 15 stone of 8 lbs.

Average weight of does, 8 stone.

Number of red deer, 300.

Average weight of stags, 38 stone of 8 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, 16 stone.

The park is beautifully diversified, and abounds with fine timber.

### Arundel Park.

Owner, the Duke of Norfolk, E.M., K.G.

Acreage, 1150 acres.

Fence, part wall, part wire.

Water supply, natural, and lake.

Number of fallow deer, 600.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Number of red deer, 30.

Stags are shot only in exceptional cases.

Average weight, about 17 stone of 14 lbs. Hinds never shot.

Other animals, Brahminy cattle and a flock of Cashmere goats.

The trees are principally beech. The park is beautifully undulating, and there are some very fine views; clear ground and open groves of trees, finely contrasted.

### Ashburnham Park.

Owner, the Earl of Ashburnham.

Acreage, 1036. The deer confined to about 500 acres.

Fence, wood paling.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 170.

Average weight of bucks, 11 stone.

Average weight of does, 6 stone.

Number of red deer, 15.

Average weight of stags, 25 stone.

Average weight of hinds, 13 stone.

Other animals, black Welsh mountain sheep.

It contains a quantity of fine old timber, principally oak, beech, Scotch fir, and Spanish chestnut; wild, hilly ground, with sandstone rocks in places; streams, lakes and ponds.

### Up Park.

Owner, Miss Fetherstonhaugh.

Acreage, 884 acres.

Fence, oak pales.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 900.

Average weight of bucks, 8 stone of 14 lbs.

Sheep and cattle graze in the park.

The park faces south, the highest point being 600 feet above the sea, from which extensive views are obtained ; the Isle of Wight and Spithead being clearly seen.

There are clumps of beeches and beech woods, with some ash, and beautiful belts of fern, affording good shooting.

Ravens still breed here every year, and are strictly protected.

### Cowdray Park.

Owner, the Earl of Egmont.

Acreage, 800 acres.

Fence, partly a sunk fence, partly pale.

Water supply, both natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 350.

Half the park is covered with bracken ; beautifully undulating ; magnificent oak, chestnut and beech ; and numerous ponds.

The beautiful ruin, now covered with ivy, of Cowdray House, the ancient home of the Lords Montague, forms a most attractive feature in the park. It was destroyed by fire in 1793. (See "Cowdray : the History of a Great English House," by Mrs. Charles Roundell, 1884.)

### Petworth Park.

Owner, Lord Leconfield.

Acreage, 675 acres.

Fence, stone wall all round.

Water supply, ponds supplied by natural springs.



Number of fallow deer, 550.

Average weight of bucks, 15 stone of 8 lbs.

Average weight of does, 6 stone 6 lbs.

The park is well wooded. There are some very fine views, especially from Tower Hill. Ravens nested in this park till 1849. The "Raven's Clump," a picturesque object in the park, is described (with an illustration) in Knox's "Ornithological Rambles in Sussex," and the latest chapter of the history of the Petworth Ravens may be found in the *Quarterly Review* for September 1849.

The so-called "Stag Park" has long since been converted into farm land.

### Parham Park.

Owner, Lord Zouche.

Acreage, 450 acres.

Fence, wood fencing.

Water supply, natural, two large pools.

Number of fallow deer, 250.

Average weight of bucks, 13 stone of 8 lbs.

Average weight of does, 6 stone.

There is a large heronry in the wood, which during the early spring, when the birds are nesting, is a most attractive feature in the landscape.

The timber is very fine; consisting chiefly of ancient oaks.

### Warnham Court

Owner, Charles Thomas Lucas, Esquire.

Acreage, 320 acres.

Fence, iron fencing and oak pale fence.

Water supply, natural ponds.

Number of fallow deer, 120.

Average weight of bucks, 14 stone of 8 lbs.

Average weight of does, 8 stone.

Number of red deer, 107.

Average weight of stags, 30 stone, clean, without head.

The largest stag ever killed in the park weighed 44 stone. The "picked up" shed horns of the present largest stag, with 37 points, weighed in 1887 12½ lbs.; 1888, 13½ lbs.; 1889, 14¾ lbs. The "cups" hold nearly half-a-pint of water, and have a fringe of points all round the top. This stag in 1891 had 48 points.

The stags in this park carry very heavy horns, from 18 to 25 points being not unusual. At the present time may be seen one stag with 37 points, and several with 16 to 25. Fifteen deer are provided annually for the Warnham Stag Hunt.

Sheep and cattle graze in the park, which contains in addition a flock of seven emus.

The trees are chiefly large oaks; rich pasturage.

### **West Grinstead Park.**

Owner, Sir Charles Raymond Burrell, Bart.

Acreage, 310 acres.

Fence, iron.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 300.

Average weight of bucks, 12 to 13 stone of 8 lbs.

Average weight of does, 6 stone.

The park is to the west of the Castle, and nicely timbered. There are some fine oaks, and it is celebrated for the very large maples it contains. There is a tradition that it was under an oak in this park that Pope often sat when composing "The Rape of the Lock," but much of the poem was written at Up Park, where he was a frequent visitor.

### **Buxted Park.**

Owner, Lord Portman.

Acreage, 300 acres.

Fence, iron and wood.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 250.

Average weight of bucks, 130 to 150 lbs. and over, stall fed, and from 80 to 90 lbs., grass fed.

The trees are ancient, the water good, and the scenery beautiful.

### **Burton Park.**

Owner, Anthony John Wright Biddulph, Esquire.

Acreage, 300 acres.

Fence, timber fence.

Water supply, natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, from 150 to 180.

Average weight of bucks, 15 to 16 stone of 8 lbs.

This park is well wooded, and there is a large sheet of water near the house, besides several smaller ponds.

The views from the house are singularly beautiful.

### **Cuckfield Park.**

Owner, Charles Warden Sergison, Esquire.

Acreage, 280 acres.

Fence, oak 6-feet paling.

Water supply, four ponds, two brooks, and two good springs.

Number of fallow deer, about 140.

Average weight of bucks, 100 to 120 lbs.

Magnificent avenues of limes and elms; very undulating.

Described by Harrison Ainsworth in "Rookwood."

Fine views obtained of the South Downs from Eastbourne to Arundel.

### **Denne Park.**

Owner, Mrs. Eversfield.

Acreage, 250 acres.

Fence, 6 ft. 6 in. iron; west portion, close oak.

Water supply, small artificial ponds.

Number of fallow deer, 150.

Average weight of bucks, 11 to 12 stone of 8 lbs.

Average weight of does, 8 to 9 stone of 8 lbs.

There is a double row of lime trees one-third of a mile in length, over 300 years old, leading up to the west front of the house, with a very old rookery; ash trees to the north-east. The park stands on high ground, with a view of the Surrey hills to the north, and St Leonard's Forest to the east. Very well timbered; oak, ash, and elm chiefly.

William Markwick, the well-known Sussex naturalist, married a Miss Eversfield of Denne, and succeeded to the property on the death of his aunt in 1803. Many of his MSS. are still preserved here. (See *The Zoologist*, 1890, p. 379.)

### Wiston Park.

Owner, The Rev. John Goring.

Acreage, about 200 acres.

Fence, chiefly continuous iron, in place of old oak paling.

Water supply, both natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, about 300.

Average weight of bucks, from 100 to 112 lbs.

The trees are mostly the natural oak on the gault, with some Scotch and other pines on the smaller greensand portion.

### Brickwall Park.

Owner, Edward Frewen, Esq.

Acreage, 120 acres.

Fence, inner wire fence, outer oak pale.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 80.

Number of red deer, about 60.

The only stag weighed was 19 stone 10 lbs., clean.

### Brightling Park.

Owner, Henry J. Nicoll, Esquire.

Acreage, 87 acres.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 11.

Brightling is situated on an elevated portion of the forest ridge, and is one of the most romantic and picturesque spots in East Sussex.

### **Leonardslee Park.**

Owner, Sir Edmund G. Loder, Bart.

Acreage, 70 acres.

Fence, wire.

Water supply, natural.

Amongst other animals in the park are kangaroos, Indian antelopes, roe deer, Axis deer, and Japanese deer, and it is intended to add Virginian deer, mule deer, and Indian hog deer.

This park is beautifully situated, being hilly, with fine fir trees, and much heather, and is well watered by a very pretty stream, on the banks of which live a colony of beavers. There are some very fine views from parts of the park.

### **Saint Hill Park.**

Owner, Edgar March Crookshank, Esquire.

Acreage, 30 to 40 acres.

Fence, wire 6 feet high.

Water supply, a small stream.

Number of fallow deer, 41.

Average weight of bucks, 90 to 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 to 60 lbs.

The park is well timbered.

## WARWICKSHIRE.

### Packington Park.

Owner, the Earl of Aylesford.

Acreage, 650 acres.

Fence, wooden paling.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

Average weight of bucks, 110 lbs.

Average weight of does, 65 lbs.

This park formed part of the Forest of Arden, and contains some very old oaks. There are two pools, on one of which is a decoy.

### Stoneleigh Old Park.

Owner, Lord Leigh.

Acreage, 574 acres.

Fence, wooden paling.

Water supply, natural, the river Avon.

Number of fallow deer, 450.

The deer park at Stoneleigh—or, as it is sometimes called, Stoneleigh Old Park—was enclosed in the reign of King James I., by Sir Thomas Leigh, the first baronet of that name. It is situated in one of the pleasantest parts of Warwickshire, being between four and five miles from Coventry and the same distance from Leamington. It is remarkable for its rural beauties and the grandeur of its timber. There are many fine chestnut trees, larches, and elms, but it is chiefly distinguished for the size and beauty of its venerable oaks, several of which measure over thirty feet in circumference.

The river Avon, "Shakespeare's Stream," runs through the park : it is spanned on the east side by a picturesque old bridge of grey stone, with several arches. This bridge is called Stair Bridge, and on the opposite side of the park there is another bridge of red stone, called Cloud Bridge, which is of more modern structure. There is also a picturesque two-arched stone bridge which crosses the river in the centre of the park, and from the latter a grassy road leads up to the park-keeper's lodge, which stands on a considerable eminence, and commands a delightful prospect.

In front of the keeper's lodge stands an old stone cross surrounded by a paling, which has been said to mark the place where Queen Eleanor's body rested when it was being conveyed from the north to its burial place at Westminster ; but some doubt has been thrown on the authenticity of this tradition.

Besides the keeper's lodge, there are four more ornamental lodges—the London, or Tantara Lodge, which was partly copied from the Priory Gateway at Kenilworth ; the Stareton Lodge, opening on to the hamlet of Stareton ; the North Lodge, by which the village of Stoneleigh is approached ; and the Mary Lodge, leading in the direction of Stoneleigh Abbey.

### Ragley Park.

Owner, the Marquis of Hertford.

Acreage, 500 acres.

Fence, irregular wooden fence.

Water supply, lake and ponds.

Number of fallow deer, about 500, perhaps rather more.

Average weight of bucks,  $123\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. ; havers, 90 lbs.

The bucks have averaged this weight for several years, and are weighed perfectly clean and dressed, without skin, head, or horns. There has been no change of blood in the herd within the memory of man.

Besides the deer, eighty to one hundred cattle graze in the park.

### Ettington Park.

Owner, S. Evelyn Shirley, Esquire.

Acreage, 436 acres.

Fence, partly iron, partly wood.

Water supply, both natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, about 150.

Average weight of bucks, 115 lbs., clean.

Average weight of does, 65 to 70 lbs., clean.

Cattle find good pasturage here.

This is a very old park ; there have been deer here certainly for 250 years, and possibly longer.

### Arbury Park.

Owner, Lieut.-Gen. E. Newdigate-Newdigate, C.B.

Acreage, 300 acres.

Fence, cleft oak.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 100.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Well wooded ; very large oak and elm trees ; surface undulated ; chiefly surrounded by woods ; six large reservoirs, water flowing from the upper to the lower ones, and forming a cascade in front of the Hall.

### Charlecote Park.

Owner, Miss Lucy.

Acreage, 253 acres.

Fence, rent oak.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 250.

Average weight of bucks, 110 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Number of red deer, 50.

Average weight of stags, 250 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, 140 lbs.



Swans and wild ducks.

Trees, elms, limes, beech, chestnuts and oaks.

Rivers Avon and Heale, and a fish-pool supplied by small brook.

### **Maxstoke Castle.**

Owner, Major W. G. F. Dilke.

Acreage, nearly 200 acres, enclosed from ancient chace.

Fence, very old park palings, some with wooden pegs.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 150.

Black deer from the Forest of Arden.

In "Warwickshire and Staffordshire Past and Present," by Longford, page 130, temp. Queen Elizabeth, is a curious account of chasing the deer in this park.

### **Stanford Park.**

Owner, Lord Braye.

Acreage, 165 acres.

Fence, oak paled.

Water supply, natural—river Avon.

Number of fallow deer, 150.

Average weight of bucks, 95 lbs.

Average weight of does, 48 lbs.

Hérons.

Trees, very large oaks and elms (6 feet diameter). Avenues of elm and oak. Clumps, &c., of trees planted at the time of the battle of Blenheim.

Artificial pools, with islands and waterfall.

### **Grove Park.**

Owner, Lord Dormer.

Acreage, 110 acres.

Fence, partly iron, partly wood.

Water supply, a pond of four acres and some smaller ones.

Number of fallow deer, about 100.

The deer, which average five years old, are very heavy.

Average weight of bucks, 115 to 125 lbs.

The park is nearly surrounded with woods, and presents in consequence a most picturesque appearance.

### **Shuckburgh Park.**

Owner, Sir Stewkley F. Shuckburgh, Bart.

Acreage, 90 acres.

Fence, partly iron, partly wood.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 80.

Average weight of bucks, 110 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs.

Very fine timber, notably elm and oak, with a magnificent wych elm.

The deer in this park are all menil coloured.

### **Wedgnock Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Warwick.

Acreage, 44 acres.

Fence, wooden pales and quick.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 58.

Average weight of bucks, 90 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

This small park is all that remains of the original deer park, which was of considerable area, the remainder having been cut up into farms as far back as the 17th century. It is one of those parks, now very scarce, kept up rather for the deer than for ornament, and is completely detached from the residence of the owner. It is a level, square enclosure, surrounded on all sides by cultivated fields, and about three miles distant from Warwick Castle, where Lord Warwick resides, and where there is a park of much greater size, but without deer.

### Kilsby Park.

Owner, Thomas Hall Cowley, Esquire.

Acreage,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  acres.

Fence, brick wall.

Water supply, natural, a running stream.

Number of fallow deer, 7.

Average weight of bucks, 96 lbs.

Average weight of does, 80 lbs.

The principal trees in this park are elms.

### Merevale Park.

Owner, W. F. S. Dugdale, Esquire.

The deer in this park have been done away with temporarily, but it is proposed shortly to restock it.



## WESTMORELAND.

### Lowther Park.

Owner, the Earl of Lonsdale.

Acreage, 1250 acres.

Fence, partly stone wall, partly wire.

Water supply, natural, the river Lowther, and decoy pond.

Number of fallow deer, 450.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 70 lbs.

Number of red deer, 300.

Average weight of stags, 17 stone.

Average weight of hinds, 11 stone.

Other animals and birds, a herd of 21 goats, hares, pheasants, partridges, wild ducks, and 1 emu.

Splendid timber, particularly oak, beech, sycamore, and ash.

### Rigmaden Park.

Owner, Christopher W. Wilson, Esquire.

Acreage, 200 acres.

Fence, iron railings and wall with wire at top.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 40.

Average weight of bucks, 12 stone of 8 lbs.

Number of red deer, 100.

Average weight of stags, 20 stone.

Average weight of hinds, 12 stone.

Sika deer, Axis deer, Wapiti, and Brahminy cattle.

### Levens Park.

Owner, Capt. Josceline Bagot.

Acreage, about 160 acres.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, the river Kent runs through.

Number of fallow deer, from 150 to 200.

The game is preserved, and in the river Kent are trout and salmon.

Levens Park was enclosed in 1360 (Cal. Pat. Rolls) by Matthew de Redman of Levens Hall.

It has been kept as a deer park since the earliest records. The gardens are celebrated for their old-fashioned clipped shrubs. The trees in the park are chiefly oak and beech, some of the finest in the North of England. There is an oak avenue nearly a mile long, the trees in which are estimated to be four hundred years old.

### Dallam Tower.

Owner, Maurice Bromley, Esquire.

Acreage, 150 acres.

Fence, walled, sunk fence, &c.

Water supply, the river Beela runs through.

Number of fallow deer, about 200.

The deer here are all of the so-called "menil" breed.

There is a heronry here.

Ground undulating; fine beech avenue, and much fine timber.



## WILTSHIRE.

### Savernake Park.

Owner, the Marquis of Ailesbury.

Acreage, 4000 acres.

Fence, wooden rails and pales.

Water supply, artificial, with rainfall ponds.

Number of fallow deer, 600.

Average weight of bucks, 80 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs.

Number of red deer, 120.

The part of the park called "The Forest," which lies towards Marlborough, at the northern end of the demesne, is elevated considerably above the adjoining country, and is very wild ground, heavily timbered, with much fern. The southern end, towards the house, consists of a fine expanse of more open grass land. There are many avenues, one of which is of beech, four miles long. The deer park itself is about five miles long, and outside the actual deer park on the east is a great extent of grandly timbered park-like land and woods. The portion called "The Forest" formerly *was* a forest, adjoining which were Savernake Lodge (burnt down) and Tottenham House (now called Savernake). They are now both included in the park.

### Longleat Park.

Owner, the Marquis of Bath.

Acreage, 700 acres.

Fence, ordinary wooden pales.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 500.

Average weight of bucks, 90 to 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Other animals, cattle and sheep.

Fine timber, in groves and scattered, recently planted; clumps and single trees also.

Imparked by John Thynne, Esquire, before the year 1576.

A great difference in altitude between the higher part of the park and the plain on which the house stands. Outside the park are immense tracts of woodland, and a fine sheet of water, or lake, called Shirewater. The rhododendrons in these woods are remarkable for their size and beauty.

### Spye Park.

Owner, Captain Spicer.

Acreage, 500 acres.

Fence, iron fence and wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 300.

The heaviest buck killed weighed 130 lbs.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 45 lbs.

Other animals or birds, 30 or 40 Scotch cattle and 4 rheas.

The park consists almost entirely of rough broken ground, covered with fern which grows very thick and high, and is intersected by a beautifully wild and picturesque hollow or ravine. The elevation above the surrounding country is considerable, and splendid views are obtained from the park over the Valley of the Avon, and also towards the Marlborough Downs.

### Draycot Park.

Owner, Earl Cowley.

Acreage of deer park, about 360 acres.

Fence, partly paling, partly wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 170.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs.

Other animals, 2 rheas.

Very broken ground, with fern.

Timber, chiefly oaks.

Imparked in the 15th century.

### Castle Combe Park.

Owner, Edward Chaddock Lowndes, Esquire.

Acreage, 285 acres inside the deer fence, of which 17 acres are comprised in some woods which, though entirely surrounded by park, are themselves not accessible to the deer. The portion accessible to the deer is therefore 268 acres.

Fence, wall, pales, and iron fencing.

Water supply, natural, running stream, as well as several ponds.

Number of fallow deer, 200 just before fawning time.

Average weight of bucks, 7 to 8 stone, clean.

Average weight of does, 4 stone of 14 lbs.

Other animals, cattle (generally West Highlanders), also blackfaced horned Scotch wethers, and a small flock of curious black sheep with white faces and tails.

Two brooks well stocked with trout enter the park on opposite sides, meet in the middle, and flow out of it again at the lower end. Great variety of hill and dale, the park having several deep "combes" in it, causing a difference of level of nearly 200 feet between the higher and the lower parts. Sides of the "combes" or valleys almost precipitous in places, and forest-like in character, with brakes of very old thorns, hazels, &c. Maples very large. Much venerable picturesque old timber, and a little fern in one part. Within the park are the ruins of the ancient castle from which Castle Combe takes its name.

The bucks in the park used to weigh much more formerly,



but they had then a good deal of fresh ground to graze upon, which had not previously been soiled by deer. Twenty years ago 125 lbs. to 130 lbs. was quite an average weight, and in the year 1872 two of the bucks shot (they were six years old) weighed no less than 148 and 146 lbs. respectively, when cleaned and dressed for venison, and with their heads off. These were the two heaviest bucks killed here. The deer now get just as fat, and are excellent venison, though they weigh so much less; so that it is only their frames that appear to have diminished, not their power of fattening. They are of all colours, including many white and bald-faced ones.

In one of the woods within the park is a large rookery, and a colony of badgers.

### **Pinkney Park.**

Owner, Major W. Turnor.

Acreage, 260 acres.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, natural, river.

Number of fallow deer, 120.

### **Bowood Park.**

Owner, the Marquis of Lansdowne.

Acreage, 254 acres.

Fence, iron fencing.

Water supply, partly natural, partly artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

Average weight of bucks, 108 lbs.

Average weight of does, 55 to 60 lbs.

Trees, principally beech, oak, elm, and chestnut. There is a large lake, containing forty acres of water, and in it an island, on which is a heronry. In addition to the actual deer park, there are large tracts of wood, and of finely timbered park-like lands, forming in the whole a large demesne.

The ground is finely undulated, and there is a good deal of fern.

### Wilton Park.

Owner, the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery.

Acreage, 230 acres.

Fence, brick and stone walls.

Water supply, natural; the river Nadder runs through, broadening into a lake in the park.

Number of fallow deer, about 300.

The park is hilly; the house stands in beautiful pleasure-grounds.

The trees are chiefly elms and beech, with some cedars of Lebanon.

Enclosed for deer Nov. 22, 1578.

### Compton Park.

Owner, Charles Penruddocke, Esquire.

Acreage, including two large pieces of water and plantations, about 155 acres.

Fenced chiefly with wooden pales, on a raised bank; some part iron fencing.

Water supply, large natural.

Number of fallow deer, 300.

Average weight of bucks, 110 lbs.

Average weight of does, 55 lbs.

The deer are menil coloured, black, and occasionally white, but chiefly old fallow colour.

Cattle are occasionally fed in the park on extra grass.

This park is full of large trees and plantations—oaks, beech, &c.—and affords plenty of “mast” for the deer.

It is a very ancient enclosure, mentioned in the time of Edward I. (1274).

### Roundway Park.

Owner, E. Colston, Esquire.

Acreage, 120 acres.

Fence, continuous iron fencing.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 200.

Average weight of bucks, 110 lbs.

Average weight of does, 56 lbs.

The park slopes down from the house, which stands high. There is stately timber. Roundway Hill, a bold and finely wooded point of the Marlborough Downs, adjoins and towers over the park.

### Erlestoke Park.

Owner, Simon Watson Taylor, Esquire.

Acreage, about 115 acres.

Fence, part brick wall, part pales.

Water supply, abundant and natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 180.

Average weight of bucks, 112 to 120 lbs.

Average weight of does, 90 lbs.

Other animals, calves up to a certain time, in number about 13 to 19.

Well-wooded ; land very uneven, sheltering the deer, which have no houses or artificial shelter.

In time of snow they have a moderate amount of hay.

The park is believed to have been enclosed early in the eighteenth century.

### Littlecote Park.

Owner, Francis W. Leyborne Popham, Esquire.

Acreage, 90 acres.

Fence, split oak.

Water supply, natural, the river Kennet.

Number of fallow deer, 400.

Average weight of bucks, 135 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Enclosed in the fifteenth century.

### Brickworth Park.

Owner, Earl Nelson.

Acreage, 21 acres.

Fence, oak paling.

Water supply, a pond from surface drainage.

Number of fallow deer, 61.

Average weight of 6 bucks as sold, 105 lbs.

Average weight of does, 48 to 50 lbs.

Other animals, a run for two cows.

The park slopes to the south, and has many fine trees in it, chiefly elm.

### Bellefield Park.

Owner, Major Thomas Clark.

Acreage, 7 acres.

Fence, walled.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, average 25.

In winter the deer are provided with a little hay, and roots.

Other animals, cows occasionally, when too much grass.



## WORCESTERSHIRE.

### Witley Court.

Owner, the Earl of Dudley.  
Acreage, 422 acres, including water.  
Fence, continuous flat bar iron.  
Water supply, natural.  
Number of fallow deer, 500.  
Average weight of bucks, 90 lbs.  
Average weight of does, 60 lbs.  
Several large ponds.  
Trees, oak and Spanish chestnut.  
Ground hilly.

### Croome Park.

Owner, the Earl of Coventry.  
Acreage, about 400 acres.  
Fenced with a stone wall.  
Water supply, natural and artificial.  
Number of fallow deer, about 300.  
Average weight of bucks, 85 lbs.  
The park is well timbered ; magnificent specimens of elm and oak abound.  
The river running through the park was formed by Lancelot Brown, who laid out the grounds, and was also the architect of the new house.

### Westwood Park.

Owner, Lord Hampton.  
Acreage, about 278 acres.  
Fence, brick wall, and iron and wood fence.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 110.

The above acreage includes that of a large lake about 60 acres.

The park is well timbered with fine oak trees.

There are nearly always wild-fowl on the lake.

### **Northwick Park.**

Owner, Lady Northwick.

Acreage, 212 acres.

Fence, partly walls, partly water.

Water supply, artificial, in two lakes.

Number of fallow deer, 500.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs. Grass fed.

The park is well timbered with forest trees.

There are swans on the lakes.

### **Hagley Park.**

Owner, Viscount Cobham.

Acreage, 200 acres.

Fence, oak paling 6 feet 6 in. high.

Water supply, natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, about 40.

Hilly; timber varied; many old oaks.

Height of ground, from 500 to 700 feet.

### **Kyre Park.**

Owner, the Rev. Prebendary Baldwyn Childe.

Acreage, 170 acres deer park, 60 acres pasture.

Fence, old paling.

Water supply, both natural and artificial.





THE GREAT OAK IN SPETCHLEY PARK, WORCESTERSHIRE.



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Number of fallow deer, 60 or 70.

There is a heronry here.

This picturesque park is beautifully laid out with ancient avenues of oak and beech of very large size.

A deed from Edw. I. (1275) gives permission to John de Kyre to plant his park, and some of the oaks may be of this date. The park was formerly much larger. It stands on a high ridge bounded by the river Rea, with extensive views of Clee Hill and the surrounding country.

## Spetchley Park.

Owner, Robert Berkeley, Esquire.

Acreage, 116 acres.

Fence, part cleaved oak with wooden pegs, part iron.

Water supply, two lakes, one of 8 acres, the other 3 acres.

Number of fallow deer, about 200.

Average weight of bucks, 93 lbs.

Average weight of does, 56 lbs.

Number of red deer, 30.

Average weight of stags, 200 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, 110 lbs.

On the lakes are wild ducks of various species, swans (black and white), Canadian and Egyptian geese, gulls, herons, coots, moorhens, great crested and little grebes. Besides the ordinary game such as pheasants, partridges, hares and rabbits, protection is afforded to foxes, badgers, and otters.

The park contains some splendid oaks from 800 to 1000 years old, and elms 250 years old.

This park was granted as a free warren by Charles I., August 1, 1625. Mr. Berkeley has a similar charter granted by Henry III. to John de Everel of Spetchley.

There is an oak in this park in which a summer-house large enough to seat twenty people is built in the branches.

### Elmley Castle.

Owner, Major-General H. F. Davies.

Acreage, 106 acres.

Fence, one side wall, one side sunk fence, the other two sides wooden paling.

Water supply, natural.

Average number of fallow deer, 90; rather below that now in consequence of losses.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 55 lbs.

Situated on the northern slope of Bredon Hill; running water; very fine timber—oak, ash, elm, wych elm, Scotch fir, sycamore, and maple; a great deal of tall fern.

Ditches of an old Norman Castle may be seen at the top of the park. This was the seat of the Beauchamps from about A.D. 1100 until they went to Warwick Castle.

For other particulars see Nashe's "History of Worcestershire."

### Hanbury Park.

Owner, Sir Harry Foley Vernon, Bart.

Acreage, 63 acres.

Fence, partly wood and partly iron.

Water supply, artificial, supplied in pools, chiefly kept full by rain-water drained from the surrounding land.

Number of fallow deer, 150.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 56 lbs.

Cattle and horses graze in the park.

The trees are chiefly elm; a few oak, ash, chestnut (horse and Spanish), hawthorn, maple, &c.

The subsoil is red marl, and is good grazing land.

In Habington's unpublished "Notes for a History of Worcestershire, circa 1600," the following description of Hanbury is given:—

"Although our countie is graced with so many pleasant prospects as scarce any Shyre the lyke . . . yet aspyringe Hanbury obtayninge the principality, overlookethe them all. A statelie seate meete for a Kynge's pallace, and had it but the comodity of our severne myght compare with that of Wyndesore. Neyther wanted theare for recreation of our Kynges a fayre Parke, sortinge in name with the Kynge's vast forrest reachinge in former ages far and wyde. A large walk for savage beastes, but nowe more comodyously changed to the civil habitations of many gentellmen, the free-houldes of wealthy yeomen, and dwellinges of industrious husbandmen.

"But Hamburries Church which invironed with highe and mighty trees is able to terrifye afar off an ignorant enemy with a deceytfull shape of an invincible castell, maye rightly be called the lanthorne of our countie."

This park was within the parish and manor of Hanbury, and was obliterated when Teckenham Forest was disforested *temp.* Charles I.

The present park at Hanbury was enclosed about 1720.

### Impney Park.

Owner, John Corbett, Esquire, M.P.

Acreage, about 58 acres.

Fence, iron.

Water supply, pond filled by pumping from natural spring.

Number of fallow deer, 69.

Average weight of bucks, 110 lbs.

Average weight of does, 56 lbs.

Number of red deer, 32.

Average weight of stags, 220 lbs.

Average weight of hinds, 120 lbs.

The country round is well timbered.

The park is planted with Scotch firs, Austrian pines, sycamore, and horse-chestnuts. It is situated on a hillside, with the river Salwarpe widening into small lakes at the foot.

### Winterfold Park.

Owner, William Harward, Esquire.

Acreage, 52 acres.

Fence, part iron, part wooden paling.

Water supply, artificial pools.

Number of fallow deer, 34.

Average weight of bucks, 140 lbs.

Average weight of does, 90 lbs.

Some West Highland cattle graze in the park, which is well timbered with natural oak and elm.



## YORKSHIRE.

### Duncombe Park.

Owner, the Earl of Feversham.

Acreage, 2345 acres.

Fence, partly wall and partly paling.

Water supply, the river Rye runs through.

Number of fallow deer, 320.

Average weight of bucks, 6 stone of 14 lbs.

Average weight of does, 4 stone.

Number of red deer, 300.

Average weight of stags, 18 stone.

Average weight of hinds, 8 stone.

Badgers and otters are protected.

The surroundings are very picturesque, partly moor and partly woodland, with some fine timber. One lime measures 27 feet in circumference at 5 feet from the ground.

### Castle Howard.

Owner, the Earl of Carlisle.

Acreage, 750 acres.

Fence, two-thirds large stone wall, and one-third strong six-feet iron fence.

Water supply, natural springs from a large lake embanked, also small streams in the park.

Number of fallow deer, 110.

Average weight of bucks, 80 lbs.

Average weight of does, 40 lbs.

Galloway cattle and sheep graze in the park.

A road through the centre of the park, on each side of which a double row of lime trees, forming a beautiful avenue

north and south ; another fine avenue east and west ; both together, three miles long. Various clumps of trees in the park. The great lake mentioned, with smaller ones adjacent, about 100 acres in extent. The great lake lies at the north front of Castle Howard, a palatial mansion built by Vanburgh in the 18th century.

### **Wharnccliffe Chase.**

Owner, the Earl of Wharnccliffe.

Acreage, about 600 acres in the park and 1400 acres in the forest.

Fence, high stone wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 51.

Number of red deer, 57.

The chase was formed by grant of free warren in 1252.

The forest is bounded on three sides by a high stone wall many miles in length, and on the west side by the river Don.

### **Stainborough Park.**

Owner, Thomas Vernon Wentworth, Esquire.

Acreage, 500 acres.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, both natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 170.

Number of red deer, 20.

Black and white Spanish sheep, with four horns, are allowed to roam in the park.

### **Bolton Abbey.**

Owner, the Duke of Devonshire, K.G.

Acreage, 465 acres.

Fence, fence wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of red deer, 40 to 60.



Very hilly; much wild, open ground; a ravine called the "Valley of Desolation;" very picturesque, with rocks and rugged trees.

### **Studley Royal.**

Owner, the Marquis of Ripon, K.G.

Acreage, 452 acres (total area, including water).

Fence, wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 220.

Average weight of bucks, 11 stone (alive).

Average weight of does, 9 stone (alive).

Number of red deer, 110.

Average weight of stags, 22 stone.

Average weight of hinds, 13 stone.

Cattle graze in the park in summer.

Well wooded—oak, beech, sweet-chestnut, horse-chestnut, and lime. A fine avenue. The beautiful ruin of Fountains Abbey adjoins the park.

### **Escrick Park.**

Owner, Lord Wenlock.

Acreage, about 450 acres.

Fence, oak pales.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, about 100.

Average weight of bucks, 7 stone of 14 lbs.

Average weight of does, 5 stone.

### **Allerton Park.**

Owner, Lord Mowbray and Stourton.

Acreage, 440 acres, of which 400 are open to the deer.

Fence, brick wall, average 7 feet high, finished in 1745.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, about 100, of all colours.

Average weight of bucks, 8 stone of 14 lbs., dressed.

Average weight of does,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  stone, dressed.

Some fine old timber, chiefly oaks and beech ; the ground nicely undulating ; a good deal of bracken.

About 29 acres of water in two large sheets and three small brooks. The soil in the park is very good.

### **Sandbeck Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Scarborough.

Acreage, 360 acres.

Fence, walled and park fencing.

Water supply, natural ; three small ponds of water.

Number of fallow deer, about 150.

Average weight of bucks, 85 lbs.

Average weight of does, 45 lbs.

Some fine oak, beech, Spanish chestnut, lime and elm trees.

Surroundings very picturesque.

### **Wentworth Park.**

Owner, Earl Fitzwilliam, K.G.

Acreage, about 300 acres.

Fence, wall and sunk fence.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

Number of red deer, 100.

The park is extensively wooded.

### **Ripley Park.**

Owner, Sir Henry Day Ingilby, Bart.

Acreage, about 300 acres—within a wall, but a portion only free to the deer.

Water supply, both natural and artificial.

Number of fallow deer, about 80.

Average weight of bucks, 8 stone, dressed.

Average weight of does,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  stone, dressed.

Common wild duck always, and herons most of the year ; and in winter, teal, snipe, merganser, dun-diver, &c.

Sir William, who lived about 1660, left some memoranda or diaries in which occurs, "killed a fat buck in my paddocke," but no doubt there was a deer park here long before, as the park adjoins the old forest of Knaresborough, and there would be, it is supposed, a "deer-leap" to admit the wild deer from the forest from very early times.

The right of free warren granted to this family by Edward III. was doubtless very useful and highly prized—for following and hunting.

### Swinton Park.

Owner, Lord Masham.

Acreage, 250 acres.

Fence, stone wall.

Water supply, natural stream and artificial lakes.

Number of fallow deer, 180 to 200.

Average weight of bucks,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  stone of 14 lbs.

Average weight of does, 6 stone.

The grounds are laid out with great taste, and very well timbered.

For its small size, a very beautiful park.

### Temple Newsam Park.

Owner, the Hon. Mrs. Meynell Ingram.

Acreage, 250 acres.

Fence, wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 120.

Average weight of bucks, 112 lbs.

Average weight of does, 65 lbs.

Good beech trees.

The park stands to the west and south of the Hall.

### **Kippax Park.**

Owner, John Davison Bland, Esquire.

Acreage, about 250 acres.

Fence, part iron, and part stone wall.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, between 70 and 80.

Average weight of bucks, 7 stone of 14 lbs.

### **Parlington Park.**

Owner, Colonel Gascoigne.

Acreage, 239 acres.

Fence, part stone wall, part wire.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 130.

Average weight of bucks, 12 stone.

Average weight of does, 7 stone.

The park is beautifully wooded with old beech.

### **Melton Park.**

Owner, Andrew Fountain Wilson Montagu, Esquire.

Acreage, 200 acres.

Fence, part wall, and part palings.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 50.

### **Everingham Park.**

Owner, Lord Herries.

Acreage, about 200 acres.

Fence, partly wood and partly wire.

Water supply, a large piece of water.

Number of fallow deer, 200.

Many very old oaks, thorn trees, and much bracken.

### **Byram Park.**

Owner, Sir John Ramsden, Bart.

Acreage, about 200 acres.

Fence, partly iron and partly stone.

Number of fallow deer, about 300.

### **Cannon Hall.**

Owner, Colonel Walter Spencer Stanhope, C.B.

Acreage, 200 acres.

Fence, continuous bar iron fencing and stone wall with bar fencing.

Water supply, natural, river Dearne.

Number of fallow deer, about 110.

Average weight of bucks, about 105 lbs.

This park was stocked by Mr. Spencer of Cannon Hall in February 1762, when 85 deer were purchased and put in, together with those formerly kept in a deer paddock.

### **Barningham Park.**

Owner, Sir Frederick A. Millbank, Bart.

Acreage, about 188 acres.

Fence, wall.

Water supply, natural, a brook.

Number of red deer, only 5 stags and 2 hinds left.

Average weight of stags, 23 stone.

Average weight of hinds, 10 stone.

Splendid Scotch firs, spruce firs, larches, oaks and sycamores — one of the latter twenty-one feet in circumference.

### **Nostell Park.**

Owner, Lord St. Oswald.

Acreage, 170 acres within deer fencing.

Fence, wall and iron fencing.

Water supply, a stream.

Number of fallow deer, 160.

Average weight of bucks, 8 stone.

Much timber in the park, including a fine avenue of elms half-a-mile long.

This is a real deer park under Royal Charter.

### **Sledmere Park.**

Owner, Sir Tatton Sykes, Bart.

Acreage, 160 acres.

Fence, continuous iron.

Water supply, artificial ponds.

Number of fallow deer, 30 white deer.

Average weight of bucks, 10 stone.

Average weight of does, 6 stone.

The bucks are very fine animals.

Beech, chestnut, sycamore, lime, oak, and ash, are the chief trees ; in ornamental clumps.

Mansion and lawn adjoining.

### **Mulgrave Park.**

Owner, the Rev. the Marquis of Normanby.

Acreage, 152 acres.

Fence, pale fencing.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 30.

Average weight of bucks, 10 stone.

Average weight of does, 7 stone.

Trees : oak, ash, elm and alder ; the park is chiefly surrounded by woods.

The park is beautifully undulated, and near the sea-coast.

### **Kirklees Park.**

Owner, Sir George Armytage, Bart.

Acreage, about 150 acres.

Fence, stone wall and paling.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, about 40.

Average weight of bucks, 110 to 120 lbs.

Average weight of does, 80 to 100 lbs.

A stream runs through the park, and there is plenty of shelter in quarry-holes, deer-shed, &c.

The park is well timbered, and Robin Hood's grave is situated therein.

### **Cusworth Park.**

Owner, W. H. Battie Wrightson, Esquire.

Acreage, 145 acres.

Fenced chiefly by a stone wall, but partly by a wooden fence and water.

Water supply, a small artificial lake.

Number of fallow deer, from 180 to 200.

Average weight of bucks, 100 lbs.

Average weight of does, 60 lbs.

Oaks and sycamore of above 150 years, which have already outlived the beeches.

The park stands high, with very fine views.

### **Ravenfield Park.**

Owner, Thomas B. Bosvile, Esquire.

Acreage, 140 acres.

Fence, stone wall, except a small portion of iron fencing.

Water supply, natural. There are several fish-ponds and springs in the park, and also a brook.

Number of fallow deer, between 50 and 60.

Average weight of bucks, 90 lbs.

Average weight of does, 50 lbs.

There is a wood in the park, to which the deer have access, and the timber is very fine.

The park is very hilly, and bracken grows freely on the hillsides.

In the herd are some white deer.

**Rise Park.**

Owner, William Bethell, Esquire.

Acreage, 120 acres.

Fence, iron.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, 130.

Average weight of bucks, 105 lbs.

Average weight of does, 55 lbs.

**Aldby Park.**

Owner, Henry Darley, Esquire.

Acreage, 110 acres.

Fence, iron.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 60.

Trees: elm, oak, beech, and sycamore.

**Methley Park.**

Owner, the Earl of Mexborough.

Acreage, 101 acres.

Fence, partly oak paling, partly iron.

Water supply, natural—that is, from springs forming a small lake.

Number of fallow deer, 70.

Some very old oak—but chiefly planted fifty years ago.

**Baldersby Park.**

Owner, the Dowager Viscountess Downe.

Acreage, 100 acres.

Fence, walls and wire fencing.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 75.

Average weight of bucks, 35 lbs. per quarter.



### Scampston Park.

Owner, W. H. St. Quintin, Esquire.

Acreage, 50 acres where the deer are.

Fence, wooden palings, 5 feet high.

Water supply, natural ; stream and lake.

Number of fallow deer, about 100, including fawns : from 70 to 80 in winter.

Average weight of bucks, 9 to 10 stone.

Number of red deer, 7.

Average weight, the last stag 20 stone 3 lbs.

Very good Scotch firs ; some fine beech, ash, and sycamore. Also elms near the Hall. A great variety of waterfowl on the lake.

### Red House Park.

Owner, Mrs. Slingsby.

Acreage, about 40 acres.

Fence, oak palings.

Water supply, pond supplied by drains.

Number of fallow deer, 70.

Average weight of bucks, about 112 lbs.

Average weight of does, about 84 lbs.

The trees are principally oaks, with some limes and sycamores.

### Halnaby Park.

Owner, W. F. Wilson Todd, Esquire.

Acreage, 11 acres fenced off the park.

Fence, iron.

Water supply, natural.

Number of fallow deer, 20.

A lake lies between the Hall and the deer park. The large park contains beautiful plantations, and is well stocked with game of all kinds.



## APPENDIX.

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### CUMBERLAND.

#### **Crofton Park.**

Owner, Sir Musgrave H. Brisco, Bart.

Acreage, 142 acres, including 9 acres of water.

Fence, stone and mortar wall.

Water supply, artificial.

Number of fallow deer, between 60 and 70.

Average weight of bucks, 195 lbs., dead weight.

Average weight of does, 175 lbs.

Number of red deer, 20 to 25.

Average weight of stags, 255 lbs., dead weight.

Average weight of hinds, 220 lbs.

On the lake in the park are swans, Canada geese, and wild ducks of several species, and on an island in the lake is a heronry.

The park was made and enclosed by Sir John Brisco, Bart., between 1770 and 1775.

#### **Highmoor Park.**

Owner, Edwin H. Banks, Esquire.

Acreage, about 80 acres.

Fence, iron railing.

Water supply, natural springs brought into troughs.

Number of fallow deer, about 80.

Number of red deer, about 50.

There are also 4 Axis deer.

The park is surrounded on three sides by the high road, from which it is screened by belts of trees.



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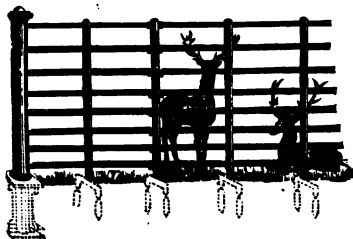
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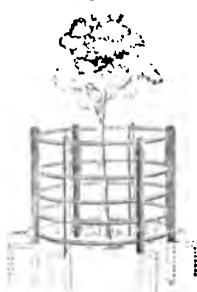
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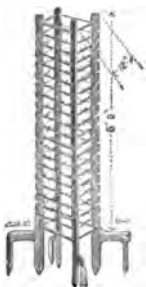
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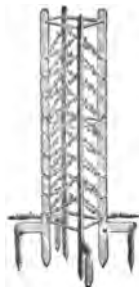
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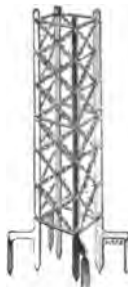
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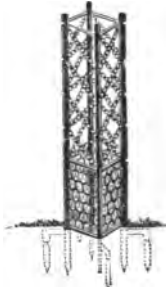
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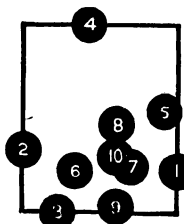
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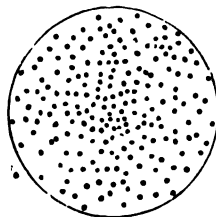
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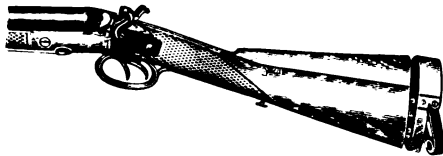


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